

Welcome to the SCDMV

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Trucking Connection - March 2022

Through the Trucking Connection newsletter, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) provides information for motor carrier customers, from commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) to International Registration Plan (IRP) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) accounts.

In this issue, you'll find information regarding IRP/IFTA accounts, entry-level driver training (ELDT), updates to driver training school regulations, information on the Employer Notification System (ENS), and more.

You will also find information on an upcoming "Commercial Driver's License Day", a special event that the SCDMV is hosting at the State Fairgrounds in Columbia on April 5, 2022.

Motor Carrier News

Creating a New IRP/IFTA Account

All new IRP and IFTA accounts must be created online. To register for the online portal, follow the steps below:

1. Go to [SCDMVonline.com](https://www.scdmvonline.com)
2. Click the "Business Customer" link in the top menu
3. Click the "Motor Carrier" link, found under the "Services" header
4. Click the green button "[Apply for New IRP And IFTA Account](#)," found under the "New Account Portal" header

5. Click the "Click Here" link to create an account.*
6. Fill in the Registration Page

Only create one username and password. The username **cannot be an email address. The password **cannot** contain the following: (@, #, &, * or %).*

Applicants can apply for new IRP/IFTA accounts once the registration for the online portal is complete. Once the application is submitted, applicants will receive an email advising the next steps in the review process.

IRP/IFTA Account Renewals

IRP credentials and IFTA licenses are renewed every year. The agency's Motor Carrier Services (MCS) office sends email reminders 30 to 45 days before the expiration date.

IRP Renewal

If you are processing a renewal online and you have not submitted all proper documents already, the SCDMV will accept the following supporting documentation via fax at (803)-896-2698 to complete the renewal:

- Operational Lease Agreement (Form IRP-9),
- Agreement to Prepare/Maintain Records (Forms MC-7), and
- Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) Return (Form 2290).

Motor Carrier Services Portal

Passwords for the Motor Carrier Services online accounts can be reset by clicking the "Click here" link, found on the log in page of the [Motor Carrier Services Portal](#).



When resetting a password, the system will ask you to answer a security question. After answering the security question correctly, the log in instructions will be sent to the email address associated with the account. Please ensure you have a valid email address updated on the account.

South Carolina Motor Carrier System



Sign On to MCS

User Id:

Password:

Forgot your password? [Click here!](#)

Contact Motor Carrier Services

For any additional questions, contact Motor Carrier Services at 803-896-3870 or email MCSRUF@scdmv.net.

Commercial Driver's Licenses

SCDMV Commercial Drivers Testing and Licensing Event

On April 5, 2022, the SCDMV will host “CDL Day,” a commercial driver’s testing and licensing event at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds near Williams Brice Stadium in Columbia.

During this event, the SCDMV will provide testing services for commercial learner’s permits (CLPs) and commercial driver’s licenses (CDLs). Limited services will be available for motor carrier customers.

Customers will be able to apply for a commercial learner’s permits and take the required knowledge examinations, as well as apply for and take the skills test for a commercial driver’s license, if the applicant completes the pre-trip inspection and meets all other CDL requirements, to include Entry Level Driver Training, if applicable.

No appointments are required for any services.

The pre-trip, Motor Carrier Services assistance, and knowledge test cut off time is 3:00 p.m.

For questions about the event, customers can email CDLFair@scdmv.net.

Entry-Level Driver Training

The Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations set uniform minimum training standards for entry-level drivers seeking to obtain certain commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) and CDL endorsements, as established in [49 CFR part 380 subpart E](#). These are federal regulations established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Entry-level drivers include those applying to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time;
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

As of February 7, 2022, individuals applying for the above CDLs or endorsements must have completed the training required by the ELDT regulations to be eligible to take the required CDL skills test or the H endorsement knowledge test.

An applicant who obtained a commercial learner's permit (CLP) before February 7, 2022, is not required to complete the entry-level driver training for obtaining a CDL, so long as the applicant obtains a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires.

The ELDT regulations do not apply to individuals exempted from the CDL requirements under 49 CFR part 383.

States may have additional training requirements that exceed the minimum requirements established by the Federal ELDT regulations.

Entry-level drivers subject to the ELDT regulations must complete entry-level driver training from a training provider registered with the FMCSA. For a list of registered training providers, and to learn more about the ELDT requirements, visit the [FMCSA Training Provider Registry](#).

Find more information on the Training Provider Registry FAQ page: [FMCSA ELDT](#)

FMCSA Waiver for CLP Holders

Effective March 1, 2022, FMCSA is granting a waiver from certain regulations applicable to CLP holders operating commercial vehicles. Specifically, this waives the requirement under 49 CFR 383.25(e) that CLP holders must wait 14 days after the initial issuance of the CLP to take the CDL skills test. The waiver expires on May 31, 2022.

Under the terms, conditions, and restrictions of this waiver, states may, at their discretion, adopt the waiver.

South Carolina has elected to adopt the waiver and allow CLP holders to take the CDL test without waiting 14 days after being issued a CLP, provided the CLP holder has completed ELDT requirements.

Driver Training School Regulations Updates

The SCDMV proposed amendments to Chapter 90, Article 2 related to driver training schools, including how these entities conduct business in the State of South Carolina and are regulated by the SCDMV.

The proposed changes were posted in the State Register on January 28, 2022. View the proposed changes here: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/state_register.php

The agency has submitted Final Regulations to the State Register and anticipates a hearing on the proposed changes with the House Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee at the end of March.

A public comment hearing was scheduled for February 28, 2022. However, the hearing was cancelled as no organization or individual requested to be heard on the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments are currently being reviewed by the legislative committee assigned. The agency expects the proposed amendments to pass.

- One new definition was added - Class A Non-Tractor-Trailers.
- The definitions section was amended in several places to ensure the regulations apply to both commercial and non-commercial driving schools and students.
- Several sections of the regulations were updated to include the entry-level driver training requirements from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration.

- Several updates were made related to the minimum training hours for commercial driver's licenses, which include minimum hours requirements for both behind-the-wheel training and theory training for the different classes of commercial licenses.
- Several regulations that contained duplicative requirements were combined and consolidated.

Employer Notification System

The Employer Notification System (ENS) program monitors an employee's driving record for an employer. Although it does not replace the need to obtain a driver's driving record, it can supplement and/or supplant an employer's self-reporting process for its employees as it relates to their driving record.

Benefits of ENS

- Weekly Notifications of changes to employee's driving record
- Unlimited access to the Employee Watch Reporter
- Generated reports every Saturday

The program notifies employers if an event occurs that results in a change to the employee's driving record. Any driving violations, suspensions, and driver's license changes will be reported for one calendar year from the date the report is executed. If an employee is in a crash that causes more than \$1,000 in physical damage or results in any injuries, it will be reported. The report is generated every Saturday and is available for employers to view online or download to a local hard drive.

If you are interested in this service, find out more about how to submit the application and proper documentation at <https://scdmvonline.com/Business-Customers/Employer-Notification>.

CDL Skills Test Updates and Standby Appointments

Appointments are required for commercial driver's license (CDL) skills tests. CDL applicants can schedule appointments for CDL skills tests every day at one of the nine SCDMV branches listed below that can accommodate this type of test.

1. Bennettsville
2. Columbia – Shop Road
3. Greenville – Saluda Dam Road
4. Greenwood
5. Ladson
6. Myrtle Beach – The Market Common
7. North Augusta

8. Rock Hill
9. Sumter

As of January 18, 2022, the SCDMV began allowing commercial learner's permit holders the opportunity to schedule a standby CDL skills test appointment if an applicant is unable to schedule an open CDL skills test appointment at an SCDMV location.

A standby appointment allows an applicant to take a CDL skills test only if that location has a last minute cancellation or no-show for one of its scheduled CDL skills test appointments on that day.

Standby appointments are unique. If an applicant books a standby CDL skills test, the applicant cannot schedule another regular appointment or another standby appointment on a different day or location.

The applicant is required to check-in with the office location no later than 8:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays) and be present at the designated waiting area when called forward to the testing location if an appointment slot becomes available. Again, a standby appointment is not a guarantee that the applicant will receive a skills test.

Locations and Days for Standby Appointments:

1. Bennettsville: Thursdays
2. Greenville Saluda Dam: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
3. Greenwood: Wednesdays
4. Ladson: Monday, Thursdays, Fridays
5. Myrtle Beach Commons: Wednesdays, Fridays
6. North Augusta: Mondays
7. Rock Hill: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
8. Shop Road: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

CDL applicants can book a skills test online at <https://scdmvonline.com/schedule-appointment>

Examiner Training Unit Schedule for Q1 & Q2 2022

If you're a third-party tester, you may be contacted to complete your initial or refresher examiner training with the agency's Examiner Training Unit (ETU).

Below is a list of CDL third-party training courses for the first and second quarter of 2022.

All CDL courses are held at SCDMV Headquarters in Blythewood, Room CG-47. Classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the first day, with subsequent classes beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Course Dates

- April 4 - 8, 2022: Third Party CDL Original
- April 13 - 15, 2022: Third Party CDL Refresher
- May 2 - 6, 2022: Third Party CDL Original
- June 6 - 10, 2022: Third Party CDL Original

For more information on training, please email examinertrainingunit@scdmv.net. The agency's standard operating procedure is to offer training courses based on the order in which the agency received the application to become a third-party tester.

Contact CDL Help Desk

For any additional questions regarding CDLs, contact the CDL Help Desk at 803-896-2673.



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