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Military Skills Test Waiver Program

If you have a military license issued by any military facility that allows you to operate a military commercial vehicle, there is the possibility you can use it to obtain a South Dakota CDL. This process allows you to obtain a CDL by waiving the skills test due to your experience and training with these vehicles in the military. To qualify for the skills test waiver program:

- You must still pass the commercial knowledge testing required to operate the requested commercial vehicles.
- You must be a South Dakota resident and have a valid SD driver's license.
- This waiver does not cover Hazardous Materials or School Bus endorsements.
- This waiver is ONLY available to current and former members (within one year after separation/retirement) of the military service, including Reserve and National Guard units.

Military Knowledge and Skills Test Waiver "Even Exchange" Program

If you have been regularly employed in a qualifying Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) and have a military license issued by any military facility that allows you to operate a military commercial vehicle, there is the possibility that you can use it to evenly exchange for a South Dakota CDL. This process allows you to obtain a CDL by waiving the knowledge testing and skills testing requirements due to your experience and training with these vehicles in the military. To qualify for the "Even Exchange" program, the following applies:

- You must provide evidence and verification on the Military Skills Test Waiver application form by your commanding officer that you have been regularly employed within the last year in one of the following specified Military Occupational Specialties (MOS):
 - US Army- 88M, 92F, or 14T
 - US Air Force- 2T1, 2F0, or 3E2
 - US Marine Corps- 3531
 - US Navy- EO
- The Operator Qualification Record must be submitted with this application.
- You must be a South Dakota resident and have a valid SD driver's license.
- This waiver does not cover Hazardous Materials or Passenger/School Bus Endorsements.

This waiver is ONLY available to current and former members (within one year after separation/retirement) of the military service, including Reserve and National Guard units.

Application Process

To receive credit for your military experience with commercial vehicles, you must send the following documents to our department.

- Complete Section 1 yourself
- Section 2 will need to be completed by your Training or Commanding Officer
- Proof of current or previous military service
 - This can be your DD-214/NGB-22 military discharge papers or current military ID card
 - 2 most recent years of W-2 forms from the military
 - The Operators Qualification Record (for the Even Exchange)

CDL Program staff will review the application and notify the applicant in writing if the knowledge and/or skills test waiver has been approved or denied.

- If approved, the applicant will have 30 days from the mailing date of their approval letter to visit a South Dakota Driver License Exam Station to have the waiver processed.
- If approved only for the skills test waiver, the knowledge tests must be passed prior to a commercial license being issued.

The applicant will need to pay appropriate licensing fees and meet the commercial vision and medical standards.

Mail your completed application, along with your phone number, email address, and the other necessary documents to:

**Dept. of Public Safety
Driver Licensing Program
118 West Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501**

APPLICATION FOR MILITARY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS TEST WAIVER EVEN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Commercial Driver License (CDL) knowledge and skills test waiver form may be used by service members who are currently licensed and who are or were employed within the past year (12 months) in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV). This waiver allows a qualified service member to apply for a CDL without knowledge or skills testing. **The transfer of School Bus(S) and/or Passenger (P) endorsements under this Waiver Program are prohibited.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle)		STATE /DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER (required)		APPLICATION DATE	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (STREET)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
Email Address			Phone Number		

DRIVER RECORD CERTIFICATION

I certify that during the 2-year period immediately preceding this date:

- I have not had more than one driver license (except for a military license) in more than one jurisdiction at one time.
- I have not had my license been suspended, revoked, cancelled, or denied in this or any state.
- I have not had any convictions of any disqualifying offenses described below in any type of motor vehicle.
 - Any alcohol or drugs related offenses.
 - Leaving the scene of an accident.
 - Commission of a felony involving the use of a motor vehicle.
 - Driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) when, as a result of prior violations committed operating a CMV, the driver's commercial driver license (CDL) is revoked, suspended, or cancelled, or the driver is disqualified from operating a CMV.
 - Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a CMV, including but not limited to the crimes of motor vehicle manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle and negligent homicide.
 - Use of a motor vehicle in a felony involving the manufacturing, distribution or dispensing of a controlled substance.
 - Violations of military, state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with any traffic accident and have no record of an accident in which I was at fault.
- I have not had more than one conviction for any of the serious violations described below in any type of motor vehicle.
 - Speeding in excess of 15 mph or more above the posted speed limit
 - Driving recklessly, as defined by State or local law or regulation (including offenses of driving a motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property)
 - Making improper or erratic lane changes
 - Following the vehicle ahead too closely
 - Any violation for Railroad Highway Grad Crossing
 - Violating State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with a fatal accident
 - Driving a CMV without obtaining a CDL
 - Driving a CMV without a CDL in the driver's possession
 - Driving a CMV without the proper class of CDL and/or endorsements for a specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported
 - Violating a State or local law or ordinance on motor vehicle traffic control prohibiting texting while driving
 - Violating a State or local law or ordinance on motor vehicle traffic control restricting or prohibiting the use of a handheld mobile telephone while driving
 - Have you had any conviction for a violation of military, state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than parking violation) arising in connection with any traffic accident and have no record of an accident in which you were at fault?

CERTIFICATION OF DRIVING EXPERIENCE

Have you been regularly employed or were you regularly employed within the past year (12 months) in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle that was representative of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)? No Yes

Have you operated a military motor vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) that you operate or expect to operate, for at least the 2 years immediately preceding discharge from the military? No Yes

Were you exempted from the CDL licensing requirements for driving a military vehicle on state roads and highways in accordance with 49 CFR §383.3 (c)? No Yes

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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COMMANDING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL DRIVING EXPERIENCE

COMMANDING OFFICER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
SERVICE MEMBER'S DATE OF QUALIFICATION:	FROM	TO	
SERVICE MEMBER'S NAME		EXPIRATION DATE (US Gov't Motor Vehicle Operator Identification Card / License)	

Mark the highest class of vehicles the service member has been driving and all that apply:

Class	Vehicle Description	Please Indicate Those Which Apply
<input type="checkbox"/> A	* 5th WHEEL - Truck Tractor/Semitrailer Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Equipped with full air brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle with no air brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle equipped with air over hydraulic brakes
<input type="checkbox"/> A	* GOOSENECK OR PINTLE HOOK - Truck Trailer Combination Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle equipped with full air brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle equipped with air over hydraulic brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle with no air brakes
<input type="checkbox"/> B	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR.	<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle equipped with full air brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle equipped with air over hydraulic brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle with no air brakes

The transmission in the vehicle the service member operates is: **AUTOMATIC** **MANUAL**

Does the service member qualify for the waiver of knowledge testing, also known as the "Even Exchange" program, by being employed in one of the following Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) in the last year?

Yes, if Yes, please mark which qualifying MOS below.

No

U.S. Army 88M/14T/92F U.S. Air Force 2T1/2F0/3E2 U.S. Marine Corps 3531 U.S. Navy EO

I certify that the service member named on the front of this document is/was assigned in a job/assignment requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle, the service member's driving experience has been verified; and the information provided herein is true and correct to my knowledge, information and belief. I also certify that I am an officer of the Armed Forces with the authority to administer oaths; and who has the general powers of a notary public.

PRINT COMMANDING OFFICER'S NAME/RANK	DATE
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SIGNATURE	DATE
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