



SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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DRIVER LICENSING

## Checklist for military commercial driver's license (CDL) waiver

### Military drivers must apply within one year of separation from active duty.

If you have recent experience driving large trucks in the military, you may be eligible to obtain a South Dakota commercial driver's license (CDL) without taking the driving skills test that is normally required. To be eligible for the waiver, you must have legally operated the same type of commercial motor vehicle that you expect to operate as a civilian for at least two years immediately prior to applying for a CDL, or four years if part-time National Guard or Reserve.

**You must pass all the CDL written tests before we can grant you a waiver of the skills tests.**

#### **You must certify in the last 2 years:**

- His/her safe driving experience
- That he or she has not held more than one license (except a military CDL) in the past two years
- Has not had his/her State issued driver license suspended, revoked or cancelled
- Has not had more than one conviction in any type of motor vehicle for the disqualifying CDL offenses listed in the Federal Regulation, 49 CFR 383.51(b)

To qualify for the waiver, you must:

- Be a South Dakota resident
- Hold a valid South Dakota driver's license
- Submit the Application for Military Skills Test Waiver form

In addition to completing the Application for Military Skills Test Waiver form, you must present the required documentation listed below.

- A copy of your last two years of your W-2 forms proving military service, if part-time National Guard or Reserve submit the last four years of W-2 forms.
- A copy of your Military CDL that defines the types of vehicle you are/were authorized to drive; or
- An expired military CDL that expired within the last year from the submittal date of the application for waiver form.

Your military service record. One of the two of the following is required:

- DD Form 2 (Active Duty Uniformed Services ID Card), certifying you are a member of the active or reserve components of any branch or unit of the U.S. armed forces; or
- DD214 or NGB-22 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), certifying you are a veteran who received an honorable discharge from any branch or unit of the active or reserve components of the U.S. armed forces.

### **This Military Waiver does not include a Passenger or School Bus endorsement.**

Send your completed application and your phone number, along with the other necessary documents to Driver Licensing, 118 W. Capitol Ave, Pierre SD 57501.

When your application has been processed you will be notified by mail of the results.

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