

Frequently Asked Questions About Commercial Driver's License (CDL) FAQ's
Division of Operations
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1. Can I be reimbursed for my Class C license renewal along with my CDL Permit?
 - a. No, we do not reimburse for a Class C license.

2. An employee turned in Endorsements P, T and N. Which of these can they be reimbursed for?
 - a. P is for passengers, T is for double and triple trailers and N is for Tankers. Out of these three we only reimburse for the N-tankers.

3. Would KDOT reimburse for the K-Restriction removal?
 - a. If the employee self-certified incorrectly because of an error by KDOT we would reimburse. If they incorrectly self-certified, they would be responsible for the cost of the correction to their license.

4. Can I be reimbursed for the CDL Skills Test cost?
 - a. Yes, we do reimburse for the CDL Skills Test. We will reimburse for the cost of the first attempt of this test which is \$15. The retakes for the test are \$10 each. Retakes of the test are the employee's responsibility.

5. If an employee quits within 60 days after being reimbursed for their license are they required to pay the money back like they do with PPE?
 - a. No, we do not require them to pay the money back. The CDL is a requirement for the job; unlike PPE which is a benefit.

6. Do we reimburse for an address change on their CDL license?
 - a. No, we reimburse for the required license and endorsements. We don't reimburse for an address change. It only includes obtaining and renewing license fees for reimbursement.

7. I want to get a CDL without the E Restriction (no manual transmission) but my location has no trucks with Manual transmissions. Will KDOT supply a manual transmission truck to accommodate my request?
 - a. KDOT requires its employees to have the type of license, endorsements and driving privileges required for their job. You are required to acquire the type of license appropriate for the truck you will be operating for KDOT.

8. Are auto-shift transmissions considered manual transmissions?
 - a. No, Auto-shift transmissions are considered automatic. Manual transmission (also known as a stick shift, stick, straight drive or standard transmission) means a transmission utilizing a driver-operated clutch that is activated by a pedal or lever and a gear-shift mechanism operated either by hand or foot. All other transmissions, whether

semi-automatic or automatic, will be considered automatic for the purposes of the standardized restriction code.

9. We have a new employee that is from Missouri and moving to Kansas. He already had a CDL in MO but is being charged a fee to change it to a Kansas CDL. Do we pay the fee associated with that?
 - a. Yes, we would reimburse for the fee to change it to a Kansas CDL. Think of it like the reimbursement for a CDL license renewal. The employee is required to surrender their Missouri CDL to the DMV before they will be issued a Kansas CDL.

10. Do we reimburse someone who has a Nebraska driver's license that needs to get a Kansas license so they can get the learners permit for a CDL?
 - a. We will pay for a CDL permit and the CDL. If they are moving from NE to KS the cost of the Class C license is their responsibility. They have 90 days to get a KS license after establishing residency.

11. If field ETs are medically or operationally exempted from the Division of Operations CDL requirement would we expect them to still maintain a Valid Driver's License?
 - a. Yes, they would still need a Valid Driver's License if their position requires one.

12. I want to become a volunteer CDL holder; what endorsements do I need?
 - a. A valid Class A or B CDL with tank vehicle (N Endorsement) and airbrake option.

13. I am a Volunteer CDL holder; can I be reimbursed for my CDL fee?
 - a. Commercial Drivers who are Volunteer CDL Holders are eligible for the reimbursement of fees associated with renewing their CDL.

14. I am a temporary SNICE driver; can I be reimbursed for my CDL fee?
 - a. Commercial Drivers who are hired as 'Seasonal Drivers' shall not be eligible for reimbursement of fees associated with obtaining or renewing their CDL.

15. I am on a District Crew and will need to operate a semi with a lowboy trailer. What truck trailer combination will I need to take the test with?
 - a. The license you need to get will be a Class-A (tractor trailer endorsement); no O-restriction. When our employees get their Class-A CDL they will need to take the trailer similar to what they will use in their job; pintle hitch or 5th wheel (tractor trailer). In this case the employee must take the CDL skills test using the semi and a 5th wheel trailer. Also consider the transmission of the truck you will be operating. If the Semi has a manual transmission you will need to get a CDL without the E-Restriction (no manual transmission).

16. I am on a Sub Area Crew working as an Equipment Operator. What license do I need?
 - a. You will need a Class-A CDL with Air Brake and Tanker Endorsements. When our employees get their Class-A CDL they will need to take the trailer similar to what they will use in their job; pintle hitch or 5th wheel (tractor trailer). For sub area employees, a pintle hitch trailer should meet that licensing requirement.

17. I am an Equipment Mechanic Intern; am I required to have a CDL?
 - a. No, a CDL is not required for this position.

18. I need to self-certify for my CDL; what category should I select?
 - a. If you plan on using your CDL for only your KDOT job you will certify under Category 2. Self-certifying under Category 2 excuses you from the DOT Physical Exam and medical card requirements. If you plan on using your CDL outside of KDOT you will need to follow the certification guidelines for those needs.

19. I have a required Ignition Interlock Device (IID) on my personal vehicle but still have my CDL; can I operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle?
 - a. An employee who has an IID-Restriction on his or her DL for operation of a motor vehicle may not operate a CMV, even if the employee's CDL is not suspended or otherwise allows operation of a CMV when the employee's DL contains an IID-Restriction.