Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 4.00 Renewals, Class and Restriction Changes Between Renewals

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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R.S. 32:409
R.S. 32:412
To view Louisiana Statutes: http://www.legis.state.la.us/

Definition: Louisiana law requires a license holder be eligible to renew their license up to 180 days prior to or upon expiration. An applicant may change his class of license at renewal or between the renewal period. Restriction changes may be made at any time.

Requirements – Personal and Chauffeur’s (Classes E & D)
- Proper Identification
- Collection of the applicant’s social security number
- Successful passing of vision test
- Proof of current liability insurance, if applicable
- Successful completion of required tests, if applicable (e.g., adding certain restrictions that demonstrate the driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle)

Requirements – Commercial Driver’s License Renewals (Classes A, B, & C)
- Proper Identification
- Collection of the applicant’s social security number
- Successful passing of vision test
- Proof of current liability insurance, if applicable
- Successful completion of required tests, if applicable (e.g., adding certain restrictions that demonstrate the driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle)
- The applicant must complete a self-certification form (contained in the CDL Supplemental Form or medical certification letter mailed by the Department) initially and whenever the type of commerce changes.
- The applicant must submit a current Medical Examiner’s Certificate. If the Medical Examiner’s Certificate is performed on or after May 21, 2014, the examination must have been performed by an examiner certified by the National Registry of Medical Examiners. For a list of Nationally Registered Medical Examiners, please visit National Registry.
Notes:

- Any law enforcement officer, court officer, and member(s) of his immediate family as defined in R.S. 32:409(C) shall be given the option of providing his official work address or post office box instead of a residential address.
- Persons exercising such option will not be eligible for voter registration at the Motor Vehicle office.
- If the license is expired for at least one year, the applicant must pass the vision examination and the knowledge (road rules and signs) examination.
- Additionally, if the class A, B, or C license is expired for at least two years, the applicant is required to pass a skills test in a vehicle of the same class for which the license is being renewed.

Related Policies
Section 1, Policy 1.00 Classes of Licenses and Age Requirements
Section 1, Policy 6.00 Identification Requirements
Section 1, Policy 10.00 Knowledge Examinations For All Classes
Section 1, Policy 12.00 Road Skills Test
Section 1, Policy 13.00 Restrictions and Endorsements
Section 1, Policy 23.00 Medical And Behavior Reports