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Driver License Office
904 301 Blvd. W.
Bradenton, FL 34205
Monday – Friday, 9 AM - 4:30 PM
taxcollector.com

Upgrade
Class E to CDL

ANY service, including general information, provided by our Driver License Office is subject to \$6.25 at the beginning of the visit. Additional transaction fees may apply.

Not a Manatee County resident? Out-of-County residents can only be served at our Driver License Office, located at 904 301 Blvd W, Bradenton. An appointment is required. Visit taxcollector.com to schedule an appointment. You must select the "Non-Manatee County Resident DL/ID Card Transaction" Service in order to be served. Testing services (e.g. road testing, written exams) are provided for Manatee County residents only.

All Florida Commercial Driver License (CDL) applicants must schedule an appointment at taxcollector.com, complete a Driver License Application and comply with the requirements listed below in order to upgrade their Florida Class E or equivalent out-of-state operator's license to a Florida CDL license.

- The applicant must meet all of the following pre-qualifications:
- Florida resident with proof of Social Security Number that verifies with the Social Security Administration
- 21 years of age to drive interstate (18-20 year olds will be restricted to intrastate operation only)
- Have an eligible (non-suspended) driving record in Florida and out-of-state
- Present a valid medical certification card (if applicable)
- Pass a Vision/Hearing Test, which meet minimum State of Florida requirements
- Have Real ID documents to prove identity (birth certificate/passport + 2 proofs of residential address)
Written exams are administered by appointment only for Manatee County residents. Visit taxcollector.com to schedule an appointment to take all written exams required for the desired license class (with the exception of Hazmat). The first attempt for each exam is \$6.25; each retake costs \$16.25 per exam. There is a maximum of two attempts per day per exam. Exams must be started before 3:45 pm at the latest and there is a sixty (60) minute time limit on all written exams completed in our office. If they are not completed by that time, your test(s) will be terminated and retake fees will apply. Allow yourself enough time to complete the applicable exams. Please study the CDL handbook flhsmv.gov/resources/.

Table with 3 columns: Class A (Combination vehicle 26,001 lbs GVWR or more towing a trailer 10,000 lbs GVWR or more), Class B (Single vehicle 26,001 lbs GVWR or more), Class C (Single vehicle 26,000 lbs GVWR or less that requires a Passenger or Hazmat Endorsement). Each column lists exam topics like General Knowledge, Combination Vehicles, and Air Brakes.

**If you do not take the Air Brakes written exam, your CDL will be issued with a 1 restriction, which limits you to operating commercial vehicles without air brakes.

- Pass all written exams required for any desired endorsements.
- Tanker (N) - 20 questions
- Passenger (P) - 20 questions
- School Bus (S) - 20 questions
- Double/Triple Trailer (T) - 20 questions

HAZMAT ENDORSEMENTS
All written exams and fingerprinting must be completed at the Hardee County Tax Collector's Office.
863.773.9144
110 W Oak St Ste 102, Wauchula 33873

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- You are required to purchase a CDL Instructional Permit for \$6.25 that would allow you to practice in a vehicle for your desired license class (with restrictions and endorsements) for up to 180 days with a 21 year or older driver who holds a CDL equivalent to or higher than the classification indicated on your permit (including any applicable endorsements); he/she must occupy the front seat closest to the driver. You are required to **hold the permit for 14 business days before** you are permitted to complete any skills testing. You must also self-certify your driving status and provide a current medical certification card, if required by your selected status. Please visit flhsmv.gov/ddl/cdlmedicalcert.html for more information.
- You must take and pass your [CDL Driving Skills Road Skills Test](#) through an approved provider. (If you do not pass your CDL Driving Skills Road Test within 180 days, you may purchase a second CDL Instructional Permit for \$6.25 that would be valid for an additional 180 days.) Once completed, an appointment is required to return to our office and apply for a CDL license (**\$81.25 + \$7.00 each endorsement.**) Visit taxcollector.com to schedule your appointment. You are required to complete a [Driver License Application](#) and present your medical card again.

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