



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 3.00 Screening Applicants

Section: 1. Issuance of Driver's License

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[R.S. 32:408.1](#)

[R.S. 32 410 \(A\)\(5\)](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

General:

- **First Time Applicant (Never Licensed):** A first-time applicant for a Louisiana Operator's License Classes E or D must:
 - Present appropriate driver education course certification
 - Meet OMV identification requirements
 - Successfully pass the driver's license examination consisting of the vision test, general knowledge test and the road skills test. The applicant may have an interpreter to translate for him during the examination process.
 - **Note: An applicant under the age of 17 must participate in the Graduated Licensing Program.**
- **Out-of-State Transfers (Currently Licensed in Another State):** A first-time applicant for a Louisiana Operator's License (Class E or D) must:
 - Meet OMV identification requirements
 - Successfully pass the vision test

Notes:

- An applicant under the age of 17 years must participate in the Graduated Licensing Program regardless of the fact that he may have had full driving privileges in his previous home state.
- Applicants 16 years of age who have had a driver's license and/or learner's permit in another state for at least 180 days will be allowed to obtain an Intermediate License (restriction 61) .
- Proof of driver's education is not required.

- **First Time CDL License:**

- A first-time applicant for a Commercial Driver's License (Class A, B or C), except for valid out-of-state transfers, must pass all the required knowledge tests, either written or oral, a vision test and a skills test in a vehicle which is representative of the class of vehicle he operates or intends to operate.
- The skills test will be administered by an authorized [Third-Party Tester](#).
- The applicant must first obtain a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) in addition to a valid driver's license.
- The CLP/CDL applicant must provide proof that the individual is a resident of the state of Louisiana as per 49 CFR 383.71. Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - A Louisiana voter's registration card
 - A Louisiana property tax receipt from the tax assessor's office indicating the property owner is the same individual as shown on the exemption certificate.
 - A copy of a lease or rental agreement on property within the State of Louisiana, indicating the lessee is the same individual.
 - Utility statements (electric, gas, water, telephone, or cablevision) indicating the applicant's name and address.
 - A statement on letterhead stationery, from the postmaster in the city where the applicant resides verifying the mailing address of the applicant and stating that the applicant receives mail at that address.
 - W-2 Form reflecting the applicant's name and Louisiana address.
 - A current health, home or personal vehicle insurance policy reflecting the name of the applicant and the applicant's Louisiana address.
 - A copy of the current telephone statement listing the physical address and the individual's name.

- **In Case of Emergency (ICE) Information:**

- An applicant has the option to provide emergency contact information. This information will be contained in the motor vehicle record.
- The ICE information will assist law enforcement and emergency personnel in notifying the contact individual in cases of emergency.

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy 1.01 [Commercial Learner's Permit](#)

Section 1, Policy 6.00 [Identification Requirements](#)

Section 1, Policy 18.00 [Out Of State Transfers](#)