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On July 1, 2015, new federal standards for commercial driver's license (CDL) knowledge and skills testing and the issuance of commercial's learner's permits (CLP) will take effect as set forth below:

- The CLP will be a hard card with photo.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age to obtain a CLP.
- The CLP must be accompanied by either a valid CDL or non-CDL license.
- The CLP will be valid for 180 days. The CLP requires a \$50.00 fee, plus all required written tests. The CLP may be renewed up to 30 days before and up to 5 calendar days after the expiration date of the original CLP, without retaking the written testing, at a cost of \$50.00. If the initial CLP has expired more than 5 days or upon expiration of a renewed CLP, the applicant must re-take all applicable testing and pay a \$50.00 fee.
- CLP holders must hold the CLP for a minimum of 14 days after issuance. No skills test can be administered during that 14-day period. The 14-day waiting period also applies to all upgrades in classification or endorsements/restriction changes that require a skills test.
- The only endorsements permitted on a CLP are School Bus (S), Tanker (N) and Passenger (P).
- A CLP holder with an N endorsement (tank vehicle) is prohibited from operating a tank vehicle unless it is empty. In addition, if the tanker previously contained hazardous materials it must be purged (X restriction).
- A CLP holder with a P and/or S endorsement is prohibited from operating a CMV with passengers, other than Federal/State auditors and inspectors, test examiners, other trainees, and the CDL holder (P restriction).
- Restriction codes for CLP and/or CDL:
 - X for No cargo in a CMV tank vehicle (CLP only)
 - P for No passengers in a CMV bus (CLP only)
 - L for No Air brake equipped CMV (CLP and CDL)
 - M for No Class A passenger vehicle (CLP and CDL)
 - N for No Class A and B passenger vehicle (CLP and CDL)
 - K for CDL Intrastate only (CLP and CDL)
 - V for Medical variance for waiver/exemption and SPE (CLP and CDL)
 - Z for No Full Air brake equipped CMV (CDL only)
 - E for No Manual transmission equipped CMV (CDL only)
 - O for No Tractor-trailer CMV (CDL only)

Proof of Legal Presence

Effective July 1, 2015, when a **CDL Holder or CLP applicant** visits a facility for initial issuance, renewal, transfer or upgrade, the driver will be required to show proof of legal presence and domicile. This is a one-time requirement for the CDL holder or CLP applicant, who is a US Citizen or Lawful Permanent resident.

Proof of Legal Presence requires one of the following documents from the appropriate category:

US Citizen (C)	Lawful permanent resident (L)	Non-domiciled resident (N)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US Passport (unexpired)• US Birth Certificate*• Puerto Rico Birth Certificate*• Virgin Islands (US) Birth Certificate*• Guam Birth Certificate*• American Samoa Birth Certificate*• Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Birth Certificate*• Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) issued by US State Department• Certificate of Naturalization issued by US DHS (N550)• Certificate of Citizenship issued by US DHS (N600)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent Resident Card issued by USCIS or INS (I-551)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unexpired Employment Authorization Document (EAD) issued by USCIS (I-766)

The documents noted with the asterisk (*) must be certified with the official raised seal. All other documents must be the original, official document. No copies will be accepted.

A notice of the new **proof of legal presence** requirement will be included on all renewal notices for CDL holders with a CDL expiring on or after July 1, 2015.

For further assistance or information you may visit the Secretary of State's website www.cyberdriveillinois.com or contact the CDL Help Desk at 217-785-3108.