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New CDL and CLP Requirements, effective May 4, 2015

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration law changes will impact Minnesotans applying for a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) and current Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders whose licenses are up for renewal. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Division of Driver and Vehicle Services (DPS/DVS) is implementing changes to ensure the state and CDL holders are in compliance with federal law.

Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) changes

- To apply for a CLP, Minnesotans currently must:
 - pass a(multiple) knowledge test(s); and
 - hold a state Minnesota driver's license.
- **Beginning May 4**, Minnesotans will ALSO need the following in order to apply:
 - Proof of citizenship or permanent residency (U.S. passport, birth certificate, permanent residency card)
 - Commercial Driver's License Medical Self-Certification form
 - Valid Medical Examiner Certificate (if applicable)
- CLP holders will be required to have their permit for 14 calendar days before taking the CDL road test. (*The 14-day waiting period will not apply to those who received their CLP between now and May 1.*)
- CLP holders will be subject to the same disqualifying offenses as CDL holders. This includes alcohol use, drug use and traffic violations.

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) changes

- Beginning in July, CDL holders renewing their license will also need to provide proof of citizenship or permanent residency.
- There will also be new restrictions on commercial vehicles used for the CDL road test, **effective May 4, 2015**:
 - Drivers taking the CDL test in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) with an automatic transmission will not be allowed to operate a CMV with a standard transmission.
 - If a driver does not take the road test in a tractor-semi-trailer, they will be restricted to other Class A vehicle combinations.
 - Drivers taking the road test to earn a passenger or school bus endorsement will be restricted to the size of bus.

For additional information, visit the DVS website at dvs.dps.mn.gov.