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State Regulations for Buses

North Dakota

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North Dakota Commercial Driver License Requirements

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How do we determine/define CMV weight/class?

► GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating)

- The weight of the vehicle plus the weight of the load that the manufacture has rated the vehicle for
- Found on the manufacture's plate



How do we determine/define CMV weight/class?

► GCWR: Gross Combination Weight Rating

- $GCWR = GVWR \text{ power unit} + GVWR \text{ of towed unit}$
- Example: Truck GVWR= 48,000 lbs. + Trailer GVWR = 32,000 lbs.
- So, GCWR= 80,000 lbs.



Sample Manufacture Plate

MANUFACTURED BY			
METALPHOTO OF CINCINNATI			
For: MARVIN TRAILERS			
DATE OF MANUFACTURE	9/98		
GVWR (UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED)	16,000	LBS.	7,257 KGS.
GAWR (MAXIMUM ALL AXLES)	7,000	LBS.	3,175 KGS.
TIRES	235		
RIMS	16		
COLD INFLATION PRESSURE	80	PSI	552 KPA
THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL APPLICABLE U.S.A. FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT ON THE DATE OF MANUFACTURE SHOWN ABOVE.			
MODEL	C1440	TYPE	Gooseneck
VIN	4WFGN2435W10002945		

What CMV requires a CDL

- ▶ Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the vehicle being towed is 10,001 or more pounds GVWR.
- ▶ A single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more.
- ▶ A vehicle transporting Hazardous Materials in an amount that requires placarding
- ▶ A vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver.

Vehicles Exempt from a CDL

- ▶ Emergency vehicles (Ambulance, fire truck)
- ▶ Recreational vehicles (Motor homes, RV's)
- ▶ Farm vehicles under farm exemption
- ▶ Certain Construction Equipment
 - ▶ (Motor graders, Motor Scrapers, Backhoes etc.)
- ▶ Vehicles driven by active military members for military purposes

Farm Exemption

49 CFR 383.3

- ▶ 39-06.2 would be 150 air mile radius but 390.39, covers farm vehicle exemption, allows farm vehicle driver anywhere in state of license and up to 150 air miles from farm when crossing state lines. Update from HP Inservice December 2021
- ▶ ND has reciprocity with MT, WY, SD, and MN
- ▶ Covers farm vehicles operated by a farmer transporting his/her own farm products
- ▶ Family members and hired help are included
- ▶ May transport Hazardous Materials

Farm Exemption - Continued

- ▶ 15 year old can drive a 50,000 lb. single vehicle
- ▶ 16-17 year old can drive any size farm truck pulling a farm trailer
- ▶ 18 and older can drive a truck-tractor pulling a semi-trailer

ND License Classes

- ▶ **Class A**: A combination of vehicles with a Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) of 26,001 lbs. or more, provided the vehicle being towed has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs. or more.



ND License Classes

- ▶ **Class B**: A single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more (allowed to tow trailers up to 10,000 lbs. GVWR).



ND License Classes

- ▶ **Class C**: A single vehicle **less than** 26,001 lbs GVWR, however, it is:
Transporting Hazardous Materials in an amount that requires placards or it is
designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver.
- ▶ Can also tow trailers up to 10,000 lbs GVWR.
- ▶ Class C license must have endorsements (H or P or PS)



ND License Classes

► Class C (Continued)



Hazardous Material

- ▶ **Hazardous Material “H”**: required to operate vehicles transporting Hazmat in an amount that requires placards
- ▶ Determined by 49 CFR part 73
- ▶ New applicants must complete a TSA threat assessment and ELDT.
- ▶ Note: must have CDL (not allowed on Commercial Learner Permit-CLP)



Tanker/Cargo Tank Vehicle

- ▶ Cargo tank vehicle “N”: required to operate a CMV used to haul liquid or gaseous material in a tank
- ▶ Single tank with 1,000 gallon or more capacity or
- ▶ Multiple tanks of 119 gallons or more that total 1,000 gallons or more



Double/Triple Trailers

- **Double/Triple Trailers “T”**: required to operate a CMV towing two or three trailers. Requires a knowledge test and can only add to CDL not CLP.



Passenger Bus

- ▶ Passenger bus “P”: required to operate a passenger bus designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver



School Bus

- School bus “S”: required to operate a school bus equipped with red flashing overhead lights designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver



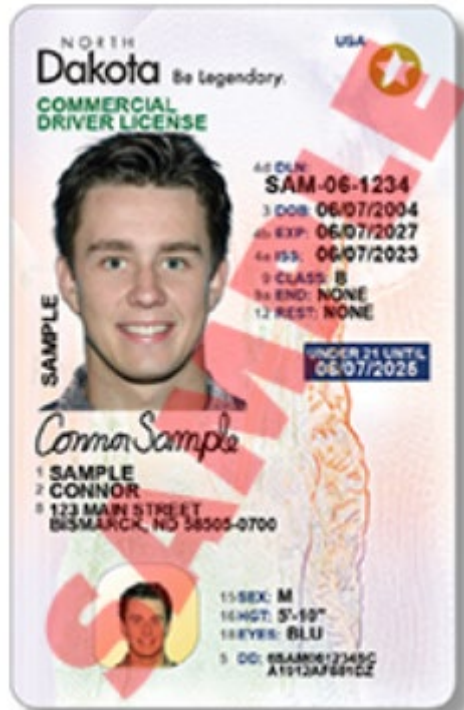
ND CDL Restrictions

Restriction	Description
K	CDL for Intrastate Only
O	No Tractor-Trailer CMV
L	No Airbrake Equipped CMV
Z	No Full Airbrake Equipped CMV
E	No Manual Transmission Equipped CMV
M	No Class A Passenger Bus
N	No Class A or B Passenger Bus
V	CDL Medical Variance
P	No Passengers in CMV bus
X	No Cargo in CMV <u>Tank Vehicle</u>

Commercial Learner's Permit Process

- ▶ Must present proof of legal presence and ND resident address.
- ▶ Complete application
- ▶ Conduct vision screening
- ▶ Complete all applicable knowledge tests
- ▶ Obtain CLP
- ▶ Must hold for a minimum of 14 full days prior to being eligible for road/skills test
- ▶ Must complete ELDT prior to being elig

Commercial Driver License Samples



Medical Certification Changes effective June 23, 2025

AKA:
Medical Card
Med Cert
Physical Card
DOT Physical

Form MCSA-5876 OMB No. 2126-0006 Expiration Date: 8/31/2018

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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration

Medical Examiner's Certificate
(for Commercial Driver Medical Certification)

I certify that I have examined **Last Name:** **First Name:** in accordance with (please check only one):

☐ the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49) and, with knowledge of the driving duties, I find this person is qualified, and, if applicable, only when (check all that apply) **OR**

☐ the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49) with any applicable State variances (which will only be valid for intrastate operations), and, with knowledge of the driving duties, I find this person is qualified, and, if applicable, only when (check all that apply):

☐ Wearing corrective lenses ☐ Accompanied by a _____ waiver/exemption ☐ Driving within an exempt intracity zone (49 CFR 391.62) (Federal)

☐ Wearing hearing aid ☐ Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate ☐ Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64 (Federal)

☐ Grandfathered from State requirements (State)

The information I have provided regarding this physical examination is true and complete. A complete Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, with any attachments embodies my findings completely and correctly, and is on file in my office.

Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date

Medical Examiner's Signature

Medical Examiner's Telephone Number

Date Certificate Signed

Medical Examiner's Name (please print or type)

☐ MD ☐ Physician Assistant ☐ Advanced Practice Nurse

☐ DO ☐ Chiropractor ☐ Other Practitioner (specify) _____

Medical Examiner's State License, Certificate, or Registration Number

Issuing State

National Registry Number

Driver's Signature

Driver's License Number

Issuing State/Province

Driver's Address

Street Address: City: State/Province: Zip Code:

CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder ☐ Yes ☐ No

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National Registry (NRII)

- ▶ Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation
- ▶ Requires all MECs to be updated electronically by Medical Examiner to NRII
- ▶ We can no longer accept paper copies of a MEC or update them to a driver record.
- ▶ If we are unable to locate/query new MEC on NRII, applicant will need to contact Medical Examiner

Medical/Self Certification Categories

- ▶ **Category 1: Interstate and subject to 49 CFR part 391.** *A copy of the Medical Certificate must be electronically submitted by Medical Examiner performing DOT physical exam.*
- ▶ All Class A, B, and C drivers who do NOT fall under any of the other categories.
- ▶ All Class A, B, and C drivers granted a federal vision exemption; or SPE-limb impairment Skill Performance Evaluation.

Medical/Self Certification Categories

- ▶ **Category 2: Interstate, but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49**
- ▶ **CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3.** *No medical certificate is required, except for school bus operations. Medical monitoring may be required by the North Dakota Driver License Division pending certain medical conditions.*
- ▶ School bus operations crossing state lines. *Medical Certificate must be carried by the school bus driver. Do not send it to our office.*
- ▶ Transportation performed by the Federal government, a State, or any political subdivision of a State.
- ▶ Occasional transportation of personal property by individuals *not for compensation*, nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.
- ▶ The transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons.
- ▶ The operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations.
- ▶ A 9 to 15 passenger van, including the driver, weighing less than 26,001 gross vehicle weight rating, and *not for compensation*.
- ▶ Apiarian industries (Beekeepers).
- ▶ Farm custom operations (Custom Harvesters).
- ▶ Non-articulated farm vehicle drivers operating within a 150-mile radius of the farm.
- ▶ Covered Farm Vehicles displaying farm plates/CFV designation (straight trucks and articulated vehicles). If more than 26,001 lbs., the driver may operate within home state, and if crossing state lines, within a 150-mile radius of owner or operator's farm or ranch. If 26,001 lbs. or less, the driver may operate anywhere in the U.S.
- ▶ Private motor carrier of passengers (nonbusiness). For example, organizations exempt from the Internal Revenue Code that provide transportation for their members.
- ▶ Emergency delivery of propane winter heating fuel and pipeline response.
- ▶ Drivers of migrant workers (must meet minimum medical standards only; 49 CFR 398.3).

Medical/Self Certification Categories

- ▶ **Category 3: Intrastate and subject to State driver qualification requirements.**
- ▶ *Medical Certificate must be carried by the driver.*
- ▶ North Dakota drivers granted a State Waiver for vision (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).
- ▶ **In-state (Intrastate)** drivers of vehicles over 26,000 pounds, placarded hazardous material, vehicles designed to transport 16 or more persons including the driver, and school vehicles designed to seat ten or more passengers, and school bus drivers who do not cross state lines. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).

Medical/Self Certification Categories

- ▶ **Category 4: Intrastate, but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or part of the State driver qualification requirements. *No medical certificate required. Medical monitoring may be required by the North Dakota Driver License Division pending certain medical conditions.***
- ▶ Bonafide farmer operating articulated farm vehicles within a 150-mile radius of the farm and does NOT cross state lines. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).
- ▶ Farmer or Rancher operating a covered farm vehicle displaying farm plates/CFV designation (straight trucks and articulated vehicles) within North Dakota only. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).
- ▶ Business vehicles 10,001 to 26,000 lbs. GVWR that do NOT cross state lines, do NOT transport hazardous material that requires placarding, and are NOT designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the driver. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).

Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)

- ▶ Includes those applying to:
- ▶ Obtain a Class A or Class B for the first time
- ▶ Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL
- ▶ Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time
- ▶ Went into effect 2-7-2022

ELDT - Continued

Trainer Provider Registry (TRP)

[Training Provider Registry \(dot.gov\)](https://www.dot.gov/training-provider-registry)

- *Provides information for applicants and instructor including registration and contact option*
- *Currently no specific training hours required*
- *Training is classroom and driving (except hazmat)*
- *ND Role: Retrieve confirmation from a federal web application that training requirements were meant*

DACH (Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse)

- ▶ It's a Federal Regulated system that prohibits a CDL applicant from obtaining a CDL while there are reporting violations in DACH.
- ▶ How does this get resolved?

Visit <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov> and log in to the Clearinghouse to view the violation information in your Clearinghouse driver record and successfully complete the return-to-duty process with a qualified substance abuse professional.

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