

CONSIDERING A CAREER THAT REQUIRES A CDL?

It might be easier than you think.

If you have recent experience driving large trucks in the military, you may be eligible to obtain an Iowa commercial driver's license (CDL) without taking the skills or knowledge tests that are normally required.

Depending on your driving experience and military occupational specialty, you can obtain the following license types without testing under the waiver:

- Class A, B, or C CDL base license
- Passenger endorsement
- Tank endorsement

Note: The hazardous materials knowledge test, school bus knowledge test or skills test, and double/triple trailer knowledge test cannot be waived.

MILITARY CDL WAIVER ELIGIBILITY

- ✓ Be on active duty in military service or have separated from service within the past year.
- ✓ Have legally operated the same type of commercial motor vehicle that you expect to operate as a civilian for at least two years immediately preceding honorable separation from military service (or for at least two years prior to applying for a CDL, if you are still in the military)
- ✓ Within the past two years, have not simultaneously held more than one civilian driver's license, and not been subject to any driver's license sanction or disqualifying conviction listed in Iowa Code section 321.188(6).
- ✓ Be an Iowa resident.
- ✓ Hold a valid driver's license.
- ✓ **For the knowledge test waiver only**, you must have one of the below military occupational specialties or classifications:

U.S. Army:

- 88M - Motor Transport Operator
- 92F - Fueller
- 14T - Patriot Launching Station Operator

U.S. Marine Corps:

- 3531 - Motor Vehicle Operator

U.S. Navy:

- EO - Equipment Operator

U.S. Air Force:

- 2TI - Vehicle Operator
- 2FO - Fueller
- 3E2 - Pavement and Construction Equipment Operator

MILITARY CDL WAIVER PROCESS

- ✓ Schedule an appointment at: iowadot.gov/service-selector
- ✓ If applying for the **knowledge test waiver**, complete the [Application for Military Knowledge Test Waiver](#).
- ✓ If applying for the **skills test waiver**, complete the [Application for Military Skills Test Waiver](#), and obtain certification on the form from your commanding officer.
- ✓ Bring the following with you to your appointment:
 - 1 Acceptable evidence that you have operated a vehicle representative of a commercial motor vehicle, in the form of either:
 - A valid military CDL that clearly defines the types of vehicles you are/were authorized to drive.
 - An *expired* military CDL that clearly defines the types of vehicles you are/were authorized to drive.
 - 2 Proof of military service record, documented by either:
 - **DD Form 2** (Active Duty Uniformed Services ID Card)
 - **DD Form 214** (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
 - 3 Completed Application for Military Skills Test Waiver and/or Application for Military Knowledge Test Waiver
 - 4 Method of payment

If transferring your license from another state, please visit iowadot.gov/mvd for additional information.

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