



Foreign Commercial Driver License Requirements in the US: FAQs

This document provides answers to frequently asked questions about commercial and non-commercial driver license requirements for foreign drivers operating in the United States.

Commercial Driver Licenses (CDLs)

- Q1: Which countries have CDL reciprocity with the US?
 - A1: Only Mexico (federal government) and Canada (provinces and territories) have CDL reciprocity agreements with the US.
 - Additional Information: In rare cases, temporary waivers or exemptions may be granted for drivers from other countries.
- Q2: Do drivers residing in Mexico need a US CDL to work for a US company?
 - A2: No, a valid Mexican SCT (Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes) license is sufficient.
 - Clarification: Only the federal government-issued Mexican license (Licencia Federal de Conductor) is recognized for reciprocity in the US.
- Q3: How is a medical restriction indicated on Canadian CDLs?
 - A3: Some Canadian provinces use code "W" on the license. Check the Canadian Driver's License Reference Guide for details.
 - Additional Information: Provinces without code W are working towards implementing it.

- Q4: How is a medical restriction indicated on US CDLs?
 - A4: Code "V" is used for medical restrictions on US CDLs.
- Q5: Do US drivers need a TDG (Transportation of Dangerous Goods) certificate for transporting hazardous materials (HM) in Canada?
 - A5: No, the US CDL HM endorsement is sufficient for transporting HM in Canada.

Non-Commercial Driver Licenses

- Q6: Do Canadian drivers transporting large tanks need a tank vehicle endorsement on their license?
 - A6: No, a tank vehicle endorsement is not required for Canadian drivers. However, a TDG certificate is mandatory for transporting HM in a tank in the US.
- Q7: What proof must Canadian drivers present to transport HM in the US?
 - A7: Canadian drivers must have a valid Canadian commercial license and a TDG certificate.

□ **Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) Certificate:**

- Mandatory for anyone who handles, offers for transport, or transports dangerous goods in Canada.
- Issued by employers after successful completion of TDG training.
- Training covers regulations, safety procedures, emergency response, and specific requirements for different dangerous goods classes.