

EXPLANATION OF LICENSE CLASSES, ENDORSEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

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DRIVER LICENSE CLASS DESCRIPTION

License Class (Minimum Age)	Vehicle Type Examples	Vehicle Descriptions
A (21)	Combination — such as tractor-trailer or truck-trailer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of more than 26,000 lbs., provided the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or GCWR of vehicle(s) being towed is more than 10,000 lbs.
B (21) <small>(18 - No interstate commerce. Cannot transport hazardous materials or operate a school bus)</small>	Single — such as heavy single unit truck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVWR of more than 26,000 lbs. Class B may tow vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less, or may tow a vehicle of more than 10,000 lbs. providing the GCWR is not more than 26,000 lbs.
CDL C (21) <small>(18- No interstate commerce. Cannot transport hazardous materials or operate a school bus)</small>	Single — such as single unit truck or bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or less that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - transports 15 or more passengers OR - transports passengers under Article 19-A of the V&T Law OR - carries Hazardous Materials (Class C may tow vehicles with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less, or may tow a vehicle of more than 10,000 lbs. providing the GCWR is not more than 26,000 lbs.)
Non-CDL C *** (18)	Single — such as farm vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or less that does not require a CDL endorsement. May tow a vehicle with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less; or may tow a vehicle of more than 10,000 lbs. providing the GCWR is not more than 26,000 lbs.
D *** (18; 17 with Student Certificate of Completion)	Single — such as passenger cars and light trucks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or less. May tow a vehicle with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less; or may tow a vehicle of more than 10,000 lbs. providing the GCWR is not over 26,000 lbs. Limited use automobiles Class B and/or Class C limited use motorcycles Recreational vehicles with a GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or less
DJ (16)	Single	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less May tow a vehicle of 3,000 lbs. or less. Limited use automobiles Class B and/or Class C limited use motorcycles
E (18)	Single — such as taxi and livery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or less used to transport 14 or fewer passengers for hire <u>and</u> does not fall under 19-A May tow a vehicle with a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or less, and may tow a vehicle of more than 10,000 lbs. providing the GCWR is not over 26,000 lbs. RV GVWR 26,000 lbs. or less
M (18; 17 with Student Certificate of Completion); MJ (16)	Motorcycle	

LICENSE ENDORSEMENTS — Endorsements give you extra driving privileges. License endorsement codes are printed on the front of your license on the line under the "Sex" field, after the letter "E". An explanation of any endorsements you have is printed on the back of your photo license document.

Endorsements	
F	Farm Class A Vehicles ***
G	Farm Class B Vehicles ***
H	Hazardous Materials **
M	Metal Coil
N	Tank Vehicles
P	Passenger Transport
R	Recreational Vehicles GVWR over 26,000 lbs.
S	School Bus
T	Doubles/Triples
W*	Tow Truck ***
X	Tank/Hazmat
Z	Farm/Hazmat

LICENSE RESTRICTION CODES (Non-Commercial and Commercial)

License restrictions explain your driving limitations. License restriction codes are printed on the front of your license on the line under the "Sex," "Eye" and "Height" fields, after the letter "R". An explanation of any restrictions you have is printed on the back of your photo license document:

A Accel Left of Brake	G Daylight Driving Only	L2 No Air Brakes Class B VEH	Q Power Steering
A1 Temporary Visitor	H Limited to Employment	M Pass Restricted to Class B VEH	R Built Up Seat/Ped/Shoe
A2 Limited Use Ending Date (for Graduated Jr. License)	I Limited Use Auto MAX 40 MPH	N Pass Restricted to Class C VEH	U Hand-Operated Brake
A3 Municipal /School Operations Only	I1 Limited Use MCY MAX 40 MPH	N1 No Vehicle Designed for 15 or More Adult Passengers	V Foot-Oper Parking Brake
A4 Ignition Interlock Device ****	I2 Limited Use MCY MAX 30 MPH	N2 No Vehicle Designed for 8 or More Adult Passengers	X Full Hand Control
B Corrective Lenses	I3 Limited Use MCY MAX 20 MPH	O TRK/TRLR COMBI Only	Y Shoulder Harness Use
C Mechanical Aid	I4 Three Wheel MCY	01 TRUCK/TRL COMBI/TRUCK Not Over 26,000 GVWR	Z Wheel Spinner
D Prosthetic Device	K CDL Intrastate Only (No operation outside NYS for commerce.)	P Power Brakes	3 Telescopic Lens 3
E Automatic Trans	L No Air Brakes		5 No Limtd Access Rds
F Hearing Aid or Full-View Mirror	L1 No Air Brakes Class A VEH		

NOTE: If you would like to change your license class, or if you have any questions concerning the license classes, license endorsements or license restrictions, contact any Motor Vehicles office.

All classes of license may be labeled or are available as "Enhanced", which does not change an individual's driving privileges (refer to MV-44.1EDL).

* Tow trucks with "S" endorsement are valid until the next DMV document is issued (e.g. renewal, duplicate), then converted to "W".

** See HAZMAT Manual (CDL-11) for requirements.

*** Effective 7/26/05, a Class D license is valid to operate vehicles for which a Non-CDL C license was previously required. Applicants for an original Non-CDL C license will receive a Class D license; however, applicants seeking Farm (F) (G), and/or Tow Truck (W) endorsements will continue to receive Non-CDL C license until programming changes are complete.

**** The interlock device is not required in a motor vehicle owned by the licensee's employer if the vehicle is used in the course of the licensee's employment. The employer must consent to the use of the vehicle without the device.