

Guidelines for NC Military CDL Skills Waiver Program

§ 20-37.13 (Rev: 5/17)

(c1) The Division may waive the skills test for any qualified military applicant at the time the applicant applies for a commercial driver license if the applicant is currently licensed at the time of application and meets all of the following: **(Waiver cannot be used for the removal of restrictions nor to add endorsements)**

- (1)** The applicant has passed all required written knowledge exams, been issued a NC commercial learner permit (CLP) and has held the permit for **14 days**. If you have not held a license in NC for 2yrs, prior to receiving your permit, a two year driving record from the previous issuing state is required also with waiver.
- (2)** The applicant has not, and certifies that the applicant has not, at any time during the two years immediately preceding the date of application done any of the following:
 - a.** Had any driver license or driving privilege suspended, revoked, or cancelled.
 - b.** Had any convictions involving any kind of motor vehicle for the offenses listed in G.S. 20-17 or had any convictions for the offenses listed in G.S. 20-17.4.
 - c.** Been convicted of a violation of military, State or local laws relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, which violation arose in connection with any reportable traffic accident.
 - d.** Refused to take a chemical test when charged with an implied consent offense, as defined in G.S. 20-16.2.
 - e.** Had more than one driver's license, except for a driver's license issued by the military
- (3)** The applicant certifies, and provides satisfactory evidence on the date of application, that the applicant is a retired, discharged or current member of an active or reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States and is regularly employed or was regularly employed with the 90-day period immediately preceding the date of this application in a military position requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle, and the applicant either:
 - a.** Has operated for the two-year period immediately preceding the date of application a vehicle representative of the class and, if applicable, the type of commercial motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to be licensed, and has taken and successfully completed a skills test administered by the military.
 - b.** For an applicant who is a retired or discharged member of an active or reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, the applicant (i) has operated for the two-year period immediately preceding the date of retirement or discharge a vehicle representative of the class and, if applicable, the type of commercial motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to be licensed, and has taken and successfully completed a skills test administered by the military, (ii) has retired or received either an honorable or general discharge, and (iii) has retired or been discharged from the Armed Forces within the one-year period immediately preceding the date of application."

Note: The CDL Department will contact you after your waiver has been processed by the phone number listed on your waiver. Afterwards, if you are approved, you will have **30 days** from the contact date to go into the local driver's license office and be issued your CDL license.

Any questions concerning the Military CDL Skills Waiver Process, Please contact the Commercial Driver Unit at (919) 861-3319.