

Effective Oct. 1, 2018, the DMV is now allowed to waive both the CDL knowledge and skills test to provide for an expedited transition from military training and experience directly to a North Carolina CDL. Now eligible military drivers in a specific military occupational specialty or rating may apply for and receive, if eligible, an “even exchange” of their military CDL for a North Carolina CDL without taking the knowledge or skills test.

Drivers whose military occupational specialty or rating noted below are eligible for this waiver:

- Army – 88M; Motor Transport Operator
- Army - 14T; Patriot Station Operator
- Army – 92F; Fueler
- Air Force – 2T1; Vehicle Operations
- Air Force – 2F0; Fueler
- Air Force - 3E2 - Pavement and Construction Equipment
- Marine Corps – 3531; Motor Vehicle Operator
- Navy – EO; Equipment Operator

The applicant must:

- Submit a complete CDL-15K form
- Must be domiciled in North Carolina
- Must be in possession of a valid North Carolina regular driver license
- Must be in possession of a valid FMCSA DOT medical exam from a certified medical examiner
- Must meet all other Federal requirements for a CDL including those listed in 49 CFR 383 and elsewhere

Once the CDL-15K form is received, DMV will contact the commanding officer to verify the applicant’s information. Once verified and approved, the applicant will be notified by the DMV they are approved to visit any North Carolina Driver License Office and apply for a North Carolina CDL.