

New Jersey

Workforce Innovation Notice 4-17 (V)

TO: Workforce Development System

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Purpose

To inform the workforce system of a New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicle program which provides certain veterans a waiver of the commercial driver's license (CDL) Skills Test.

Background

Many veterans acquire skill sets during their military service that correspond to skills sought by civilian employers. However, sometimes veterans lack certification that allows them to take advantage of these skills after leaving the service. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is helping military personnel transition their military driving experience into civilian employment. By waiving the CDL Skills Test (the road test), qualified military applicants will no longer have to provide a commercial vehicle in order to obtain a New Jersey CDL license. The veteran must still complete the written test and pass a vision screening test.

Eligibility for Program

Active, Reserve, or military personnel discharged within the last 12 months who possess a valid New Jersey's driver's license and a current or expired military CDL license.

Veterans Seeking the CDL waiver must meet certain requirements and present specific documentation, including:

- Satisfactory proof he/she was a member of a branch of the active or reserve component of the military within the last 12 months in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a Commercial Motor Vehicle.
- A current or expired military commercial driver's license and a valid New Jersey driver's license.
- A completed Military CDL Skills Test Waiver Form certified by a commanding officer.
- Successful completion of a CDL knowledge and vision test
- Presenting six Points of identification and proof of primary address
- A CDL Holder Self-Certificate and Medical Examiner's Certificate

Applicable CDL Classes

Class A or B CDL without Passenger, School Bus, or Hazardous Materials endorsement. (Endorsements may be added later)

Rescissions

None

Required Action

This guidance should be shared with all relevant One-Stop Center staff and partner agencies.

References and Links

DMV Military CDL Program: <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Commercial/milwav.htm>

DMV Military Skills Waiver Program FAQs: <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Commercial/milwavfaq.htm>

CDL Skills Program Poser: <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/pdf/Commercial/VeteransCDL.pdf>

Authority

New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development	X
State Employment And Training Commission	

Questions

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