

2023 Kansas Statutes

8-2,135. Same; commercial driver's license, contents; endorsements or restrictions; expiration; renewal. (a) The commercial driver's license shall be marked "commercial driver's license" or "CDL," and must be, to the maximum extent practicable, tamper proof. It shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (1) The requirements set out in K.S.A. 8-243, and amendments thereto;
- (2) a number or identifier deemed appropriate by the state licensing authority;
- (3) the class or type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles which the person is authorized to drive together with any endorsements or restriction;
- (4) the name of this state; and
- (5) the dates between which the license is valid.

(b) Commercial drivers' licenses issued pursuant to K.S.A. 8-234b, and amendments thereto, may be issued with the following endorsements or restrictions; and the holder of a valid commercial driver's license may drive all vehicles in the class for which that license is issued, and all lesser classes of vehicles, except motorcycles and vehicles which require an endorsement, unless the proper endorsement appears on the license;

- (1) "H"—authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle transporting hazardous materials;
- (2) "L"—restricts the driver to vehicles not equipped with airbrakes;
- (3) "T"—authorizes driving double and triple trailers;
- (4) "P"—authorizes driving vehicles carrying passengers;
- (5) "N"—authorizes driving tank vehicles;
- (6) "X"—represents a combination of hazardous materials and tank vehicle endorsements;
- (7) "S"—authorizes driving school buses;
- (8) "E"—no manual transmission in CMV;
- (9) "O"—no tractor-trailer;
- (10) "M"—no class A passenger vehicle;
- (11) "N"—no class A or B passenger vehicle;
- (12) "Z"—no full air brake in CMV;
- (13) "K"—for intrastate only; or
- (14) "V"—for medical variance.

(c) Before issuing a commercial driver's license, the division must obtain driving record information through the commercial driver license information system, the national driver register and from each state in which the person has been licensed.

(d) Within 10 days after issuing a commercial driver's license, the division shall notify the commercial driver license information system of that fact, providing all information required to ensure identification of the person.

(e) All original licenses issued on and after July 1, 2018, shall expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee which is nearest the date of application. All renewals thereof shall expire on every fifth anniversary of the date of birth of the licensee. No driver's license shall expire in the same calendar year in which the original license or renewal license is issued, except that if the foregoing provisions of this section shall require the issuance of a renewal license or an original license for a period of less than six calendar months, the license issued to the applicant shall expire at midnight on every fifth anniversary of the date of birth of the applicant. At least 30 days prior to the expiration of a person's license, the division shall mail a notice of expiration or renewal application to such person at the address shown on the license.

(f) When applying for renewal of a commercial driver's license, the applicant must complete the test required in K.S.A. 8-247(e), and amendments thereto, and the application form required by K.S.A. 8-2,134(b), and amendments thereto, providing updated information and required certifications and if the applicant wishes to retain a hazardous materials endorsement, the applicant must take and pass the test for such endorsement.

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