WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE COMING IN TO RENEW OR CHANGE YOUR CDL



AVOID DELAYS AND ENSURE YOURE PREPARED FOR YOUR DDS VISIT BY COMPLETING THESE STEPS

1. Check Your License status

- Use DDS Online Services and download the Mobile Driver's License (mDL) app to view your CDL status and expiration date.
 - Ensure your CDL is eligible for renewal.

2. Verify Your Self-Certification Category

- Log into DDS Online Services to check your CDL Self-Certification status by viewing your mobile vehicle report (MVR).
 - This ensures you are selecting the correct CDL class and Medical Certification category.



- Learn about the self-certification categories here: **DDS Self-Certification Information Page** CDL Medical Certificate Help | Georgia Department of Driver Services.
- Changes to your self-certification status must be made in person at a DDS CSC.

3. Obtain Your Medical Certificate

- Choose a Medical Examiner (ME) who is listed on the FMCSA National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners to perform your DOT physical - FMCSA National Registry
 - Please review your Medical Certificate carefully to ensure that all information matches your driver's license, including:
 - Full Name
 - Date of Birth (DOB)
 - Driver's License Number
 - Verify with the ME that the medical certificate has been added to the National Registry

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4. Medical Certificate Processing Time

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- Medical Certificates can take 48–72 hours to be electronically submitted into our system. Please allow this time before contacting the CSC.
- DDS is unable to provide confirmation printouts until the information is transmitted to our system.
- Medical Certificates submitted prior to June 18, 2025, must be updated to your record using the new electronic process. Check eServices or get a copy of your MVR to see if yours has been applied.

5. Check the FMCSA National Registry Integration Information (NRII)



• Check FMCSA's NRII resources to learn more about the electronic medical certificate process: https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/nriilearning-center.



6. Bring the Right Documents



You may need:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Presence
- Proof of residency/address (if recently changed)
- Your current CDL
- Documents for name changes
- Check our full CDL Document Checklist for more details.

7. Know If You Need Testing



- Take a written Knowledge Exam (e.g., for endorsements)
- Complete a Vision Exam
- Undergo fingerprinting and a background check for HAZMAT

8. Check Appointments



- Appointments are only required for CDL Skills Testing
- Visit our website at www.dds.georgia.gov to find a CDL Skills Testing location near you

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9. Third-Party CDL Skills Test

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- After the third-party CDL Skills Test, please wait at least 48 business hours before visiting a CSC.
 - For example: if your test was administered on a Friday, you must wait until Wednesday before completing the process at a CSC.

10. Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)

- Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) must be completed with a training provider that is certified on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry prior to taking a CDL Skills Exam (https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/).
- The training provider is responsible for electronically submitting the training records to DDS.
 - This process could take up to 48 hours.

11. Hazmat Endorsement Renewals

- Must complete a TSA Threat Assessment before renewing.
- Must pass the Hazmat knowledge exam at a DDS CSC.

12. Know If You Need Testing

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- Understand the impact (e.g., future retesting if you return to commercial driving).
- Be sure your decision is documented and that you're bringing all required documents.

13. Recheck Everything 2–3 Days Before Your Visit

- Especially your medical certificate status and self-certification category.
- Make sure no documents are missing and that your information is current.

