Transportation Careers

Be your own boss. Travel across the country. Or, find local opportunities to contribute to your community. With a shortage of qualified drivers, transportation companies are hiring. Troops to TrucksSM connects service members with good, high paying positions in one of our economy’s most demanding and important jobs.

Entry-Level Driver Training

Effective February 7, 2022, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration implemented new minimum training requirements for entry-level drivers. However, entry-level driver training (ELDT) is not required for individuals who obtain a CDL under the Troops to TrucksSM test waiver program. For more information about ELDT, visit dmvNOW.com/ELDT.

Eligible MOS Codes:

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

Even Exchange does not eliminate or replace the skills test waiver. Program applicants who do not qualify for the Even Exchange Program may still qualify for the skills test waiver.

For veterans released from military service more than one year ago, visit our website for links to other training opportunities through commercial driving schools and Virginia community colleges.

For More Information

Visit www.dmvNOW.com/T2T.

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Through the Troops to Trucks™ program, DMV is helping service members obtain tools for future employment in the transportation industry. If you have military truck driving experience and a military CDL, testing may be waived for a Virginia CDL. Need experience? Classroom and behind-the-wheel training may be available on post. Once credentialed, looking for work? Complete an employment questionnaire to be provided to Virginia-based transportation companies.

#### Military Skills Test Waiver Program

Applicants with two years’ experience safely operating heavy military vehicles may be eligible to obtain a CDL without taking the skills test. You will only need to take the CDL knowledge exam and any other knowledge exams required for the commercial vehicle class and endorsements you would like to obtain. The CDL skills test may be waived if you:

- Are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Reserves and National Guard, or have been released from the military within the last 12 months
- Are a Virginia resident
- Have or are eligible for a license in Virginia (proof of legal presence may be required)
- Obtain certification from commanding officer or designee that you have held a military commercial operator’s permit and have driving experience for the past two years
- Present these documents to DMV
  - CDL Skills Test Waiver (DL 13)
  - Virginia or other state-issued driver’s license
  - Commercial Driver’s License Application (DL 2P) and required supporting documents if not currently holding a Virginia driver’s license
  - U.S. Department of Transportation Medical Examiner’s Certificate
  - Honorable military discharge papers (DD-214, DD-256, or NGB-22) or a U.S. Active Duty/Reservist Military ID Card

- Pass the CDL general knowledge test
- Pass additional knowledge tests for specialized endorsements (hazardous materials, passenger carrier, school bus, etc.)

During the last two years of driving experience, applicants must not have

- had more than one license (except for a military operator’s license)
- had any license suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- been convicted of any major traffic offenses in any type of motor vehicle
- been convicted of more than one serious traffic violation while operating any type of motor vehicle (CMV or otherwise)
- had any conviction for a violation of military, state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) in connection with any traffic crash or a record of a crash in which you were at fault

#### Less Than Two Years or No Military Driving Experience

Applicants with less than two years or no military driving experience may complete the training and pass the CDL driving test(s) on a participating military installation. You may be eligible for training and testing on participating military installations if you:

- Obtain a Virginia Commercial Learner’s Permit
- Have or are eligible for a license in Virginia
- Present a valid U.S. Department of Transportation Medical Examiner’s Certificate
- Pass the CDL General Knowledge Test
- Pass additional knowledge and skills tests for specialized endorsements (hazardous materials, passenger carrier, school bus, etc.)

#### Even Exchange Program (Knowledge Test Waiver)

When used with the Military Skills Test Waiver, qualified military drivers may be exempt from the CDL knowledge test. To qualify for a knowledge test waiver, applicants must meet the criteria for the skills test waiver and must have held (within the last year) a Military Driver’s License with an approved Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Code.