



Restricted CDL Report

In researching the Restricted CDL (Ag Restricted/Farm-Related) Report for the 50 states, we found that only 24 states offer the Seasonal License. The farm-related or seasonal licenses are only issued to farm related industries: farm retail outlets and suppliers, agrichemical businesses, custom harvesters and livestock feeders. The seasonal CDL license can only be issued for Class B or C vehicles.

SPECIAL NOTE: As of September 27, 2022, a new regulation was passed allowing for Restricted CDLs to be valid for up to 210 days in a calendar year, instead of 180 days. Affected states are responsible for updating their own legislation to reflect this update, so it is highly recommended that you verify with your state DMV the length of validity prior to applying for a Seasonal Ag Restricted CDL.

Standard Qualifications for a driver to have a seasonal CDL license according to the FMCSR are as follows:

1. Clean driving record - no loss of license (suspension, revocation, drug or alcohol violations, etc.) for any reason.
2. Must have held a motor vehicle license for one year.
3. One year of driving experience in any vehicle.
4. Medically qualified.
5. Included in a drug/alcohol testing program.
6. Provide employer consent to query the Clearinghouse.
7. Complete Driver Qualification File.

Standard Restrictions for a driver according to the FMCSR:

1. Allowed only within 150 mile radius of farm center.
2. Must be 18 years old. (Exception: 16 years old in Idaho)
3. Limited to operating Group B and C vehicles as described in 49 CFR 383.
4. May not operate a Class A vehicle.
5. No hazardous materials endorsements are allowed.
6. No placarded quantities of hazardous materials except for:
 - 1,000 gallons or less of diesel fuel;
 - Liquid fertilizers (including anhydrous ammonia) up to 3,000 gallons or less;
 - Solid fertilizer is not transported with organic substances.
 - (Exception: No placarded load in South Carolina)

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States with Restricted CDLs	Seasonal Periods (Valid for up to 210 days for 12-month period)	CDL Knowledge & Skills Test	Driver's Age
Arkansas	Restricted CDLs have the same renewal cycle as unrestricted CDLs but shall be limited to the seasonal period or periods as defined by the State of licensure, provided that the total number of days in any calendar year for which the restricted CDL is valid does not exceed 210.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Georgia Select link under "Get the required documents"	Only within the seasonal period indicated; licenses are valid for 180 days.	Must have 1 year experience with a good driving record. Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test. TSA Background Check and pass vision test.	Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to apply; "GA only" restriction
Idaho Chapter - 1.0.6; page 1-6	Seasonal CDL is valid for 180 days in a 12-month period and only obtained twice in a lifetime.	CDL General Knowledge Written Test, plus Air Brakes Test (if applicable).	16 years old or older
Illinois	Seasonal CDL can be issued for either two 90-day periods or a 180-day period in any 12 month period.	Pass the General Knowledge written test, Combination Knowledge written test, Air Brake Knowledge written test (if driving equipped vehicle) & any applicable Endorsement Knowledge written test(s).	18 years old or older
Indiana	Seasonal period(s) must be at least 30 days but not more than 210 days. The combination of two seasonal periods must not exceed 210 days.	Required Skills Test are waived.	18 years old or older
Iowa	Restricted CDL valid for up to 210 days within the calendar year. Individual periods that are less than 210 days may be taken in 70- or 105-day increments, provided the cumulative period of validity in the calendar year does not exceed 210 days. An individual period of validity may be extended by 35 days, if the application for extension is made before the individual period expires.	Must have 2 years experience with good driving record. Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Kansas	Seasonal CDL is valid for 180 consecutive days in each 12-month period.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older

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Kentucky	Seasonal CDL can be issued for 60, 120, or 180 days in any 12-month period.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test. Pass the vision test for commercial drivers.	18 years old or older
Louisiana	Cannot exceed 180-days in any calendar year.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Michigan Section 1 - Introduction page 9	Seasonal CDL valid 180-days from date issued or valid for the seasonal periods April 2 through June 20 and September 2 through November 20.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Minnesota	Seasonal CDL may not exceed 210 consecutive days in a 12-month period.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Missouri	Seasonal CDL may not exceed 180 consecutive days in a 12-month period.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Montana	Seasonal period is March 15 to September 11.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Nebraska	Seasonal period of validity will be valid for no more than 210 consecutive days in any twelve-month period.	Waive the CDL Skills Test.	18 years old or older
New Mexico	Seasonal period is valid for 180 consecutive days in a 12-month period.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
North Dakota	Seasonal CDL is valid for one 180-day or two 90-day licenses in a 12-month period.	Must have 2 years experience with good driving record. Meet medical and visual requirements for CDL.	18 years old or older
Ohio	Seasonal CDL may not exceed 210 days in a 12-month period. All split seasonal dates require separate applications and each period must be a minimum of 30 days.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older

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South Carolina South Carolina Code 56-1-2085	Seasonal CDL is valid for 180 days from the date of issue in 12-month period.	Have a valid SC Class E (2) or F (3) driver's license or successfully completes the required written and skill test for a Class E (2) license. At least 1 year driving experience.	18 years old or older
South Dakota CDL Manual General Information, page 10	Seasonal CDL is valid for one 180-day period or two 90-day periods each calendar year.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	Must be at least 18 years old and have a good driving record for the 2 most recent years.
Tennessee	Seasonal CDL is valid for 180 days from the date of issue in 12-month period.	Vision Test must be conducted.	18 years old or older
Texas	Seasonal CDL is valid for a maximum of 180 days within a 12-month period.	20 question Class A- B Rules Test and a Skills Test in a Class B vehicle. Knowledge and Skills Test waived for a Class C.	18 years old or older
Vermont File: VL-052-FRSI_License_Application.pdf	Seasonal CDL may not exceed 180 consecutive days in a 12-month period.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Virginia	Seasonal CDL may not exceed 180 consecutive days in a 12-month period.	Waive Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Wisconsin	Seasonal CDL period may not exceed 210 days in a calendar year. Can split the 210 days into two periods but a separate application is required prior to each period.	Requires a Knowledge Test on Farm Service CDL Requirements.	18 years old or older

States Confirmed NOT to Offer Restricted CDLs as of February 1, 2025:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming.

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