

**Driver License Services (where applicable)**

General Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Visit [Hillstax.org](http://hillstax.org) for appointment & locations

Upgrade Class E to CDL

The Driver License Office service fee of \$6.25 applies to all driver license transactions

All Florida Commercial Driver License (CDL) applicants must schedule an appointment at hillstax.org, and comply with the requirements listed below in order to upgrade their Florida Class E operator's license to a Florida CDL license.

****Equivalent out-of-state operator's license need to change to a Florida Class E license before applying for the Florida CDL license****

☐ The applicant must meet all the following pre-qualifications:

- Florida resident with proof of Social Security Number that verifies with the Social Security Administration
- 21 years of age to drive interstate (18-20 years old will be restricted to intrastate operation only)
- Have an eligible (non-suspended) driving record in Florida and out-of-state
- Present a valid medical certification card (if applicable)
- Pass a Vision/Hearing Test, which meet minimum State of Florida requirements
- If not Real ID compliant; visit flhsmv.gov/whattobring and provide Real ID documents to prove identity

- ☐ Written Exams are **administered by appointment only**. Visit hillstax.org to schedule an appointment to take all written exams required for the desired license class (with the exception of Hazmat). The first attempt for each exam is \$6.25; each retake costs \$16.25 per exam. There is a maximum of two attempts per day per exam. Exams must be started by 3:30pm at the latest and **there is a sixty (60) minute time limit on all written exams completed in our office**. If they are not completed by that time, your test(s) will be terminated, and retake fees will apply. **Allow yourself enough time to complete the applicable exams**. Please study the CDL handbook flhsmv.gov/resources/.

■ Class A <u>Combination</u> vehicle 26,001 lbs GVWR or more towing a trailer 10,000 lbs GVWR or more	■ Class B <u>Single</u> vehicle 26,001 lbs GVWR or more	■ Class C <u>Tanker or Single</u> vehicle 26,000 lbs GVWR or less that requires a Passenger or Hazmat Endorsement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Knowledge (50 questions)• Combination Vehicles (20 questions)• Air Brakes (25 questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Knowledge (50 questions)• Air Brakes (25 questions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Knowledge (50 questions)

****If you do not take the Air Brakes written exam, your CDL will be issued with a 1 restriction, which limits you to operating commercial vehicles without air brakes****

☐ Pass all written exams required for any desired endorsements.

- Tanker (N) - 20 questions
- Passenger (P) - 20 questions
- School Bus (S) - 20 questions
- Double/Triple Trailer (T) - 20 questions

HAZMAT ENDORSEMENTS

All written exams and fingerprinting must be completed at:

Plant City: [4706 Sydney Road, Plant City FL 33566](http://4706SydneyRoadPlantCityFL33566)

Brandon: [3030 N Falkenburg Rod, Tampa FL 33619](http://3030NFalkenburgRodTampaFL33619)

Drew Park: [4100 West MLK Jr. Blvd Tampa, FL 33614](http://4100WestMLKJrBlvdTampaFL33614)

North Tampa: [3011 University Center Drive, Suite 150 Tampa, FL 33612](http://3011UniversityCenterDriveSuite150TampaFL33612)

- ☐ You are required to purchase a CDL Instructional Permit for \$6.25 that would allow you to practice in a vehicle for your desired license class (with restrictions and endorsements) for up to 365 days with a 21 year or older driver who holds a CDL equivalent to or higher than the classification indicated on your permit (including any applicable endorsements); he/she must occupy the front seat closest to the driver. You are required to **hold the permit for 14 business days** before you are permitted to complete any skills testing.

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- ☐ You must also self-certify your driving status and provide a current medical certification card, if required by your selected status. Please visit flhsmv.gov/ddl/cdlmedicalcert.html for more information.
- ☐ You must take and pass your [CDL Driving Skills Road Skills Test](#) through an approved provider. (If you do not pass your CDL Driving Skills Road Test within one year of passing the written exam, you will be required to retest.) Once completed, an appointment is required to return to our office and apply for a CDL license (\$81.25 + \$7.00 each endorsement.) Visit hillstax.org to schedule your appointment.
- ☐ You are required to present your medical card again.

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