



Farm-Related/ Seasonal Ag Restricted CDL Report

In our research for Farm-Related Restricted CDLs or Seasonal Ag Restricted CDLs of the 50 states, we found that only 24 states offer the Farm-Related or Seasonal License. The farm-related or seasonal licenses are only issued to farm related industries. Farm related industries are: 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.

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 and South Dakota)
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 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 not transported with organic substances.(Exception: No placarded load in South Carolina)

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States That Have Restricted CDLs	Seasonal Periods (Valid only for 180 days for 12-month period)	CDL Knowledge & Skills Test	Driver's Age
Arkansas	180 days within a 12-month period, but shall not be broken down in increments other than calendar months. (Ex. March through May and October through December)	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older
Georgia	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.	18 - 20 years old upon completion of application and approval; "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.	Valid driver's license for at least 1 year. Written and road test required in a Class B vehicle.	18 years old or older
Indiana Select "Open" Form	Seasonal period(s) must be at least 30 days, but not more than 180 days. The combination of two seasonal periods must not exceed 180 days.	Required Skills Test is waived.	18 years old or older
Iowa	Seasonal CDL up to three individual periods of validity, provided all individual periods do not exceed 180 days in any calendar year. An individual period of validity may be 60, 90, or 180 consecutive days and the licensee may add 30 days to an individual period of validity by applying for an extension.	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. Must have KY motor vehicle operator for at least 1 year.	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 180 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 permit is valid for 180 consecutive days in a 12-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 180 consecutive days in a 12-month period.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	18 years old or older

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South Carolina	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 skills test for a Class E (2) license. At least 1 year driving experience.	18 years old or older
South Dakota Motor Carrier Handbook Chapter 3, page 20 - 21	A restricted CDL cannot be issued for more than 180 days from the date of application.	Waive the CDL Knowledge and Skills Test.	Must be at least 16 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 Prologue Page ii - iii	Seasonal CDL is valid for 180 days in each 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 is valid for 180 days or less per calendar year.	Requires a Knowledge Test on Farm Service CDL Requirements.	18 years old or older

States Confirmed NOT to Offer Restricted CDLs as of 2/26/2021:

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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