



Hazardous Materials Endorsement

Due to the federal Patriot Act, the rules for obtaining a Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Endorsement have changed as follows:

1. Massachusetts Commercial Learner's Permits will no longer be issued with a Hazardous Materials Endorsement.
2. A Commercial License with a Hazardous Materials Endorsement cannot be issued, renewed, or transferred until the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) notifies the RMV that the applicant has passed a Background Check.

Applying for or Adding a Hazardous Materials Endorsement

The RMV recommends that you do not apply for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement until you have already obtained a Commercial Driver's License.

1. Go to an RMV branch office and do the following:
 - Complete a CDL Application.
 - Present required identification documentation.
 - Pay permit fees.
 - Take the Hazardous Materials Knowledge Exam.

If you pass the Hazardous Materials Knowledge Exam, you will receive a Hazardous Materials Pass Certificate. Exam results are valid for two (2) years.

2. Contact the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at 1-877-429-7746 or visit [TSA's Universal Enroll website](#) to apply for the Background Check, pay the \$86.50 application fee, and identify locations nationwide where you can be fingerprinted.

You will need to visit the vendor's location and do the following:

- Present 2 forms of ID to verify your identity.
- Allow yourself to be fingerprinted.

It could take approximately 30 days to receive the results of your Background Check. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will notify you of your results by mail.

3. Upon being notified that you passed the background check, do the following:
 - Return to an RMV branch office.
 - Complete a CDL Application.
 - Pass a road test (for a 1st time Commercial Driver's License applicant)
 - Pay the fees for a Commercial Driver's License with the Hazardous Materials Endorsement.

Renewing a Hazardous Materials Endorsement

1. Approximately ninety (90) days prior to your license expiration, contact the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), at 1-877-429-7746 or visit [TSA's Universal Enroll website](#) to apply for the Background Check, pay the \$86.50 application fee, and identify locations nationwide where you can be fingerprinted.

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2. Upon being notified that you passed the background check, do the following:
 - Go to an RMV branch office.
 - Complete a CDL Application.
 - Pay applicable fees.
 - Take the Hazardous Materials Knowledge Exam.

If you pass the Hazardous Materials Knowledge Exam, you can renew your license with the Hazmat Endorsement.

If you fail the Background Check or the Knowledge Exam, you will still be able to renew your Commercial Driver's License, but without the Hazardous Materials Endorsement.

Transferring a Hazardous Materials Endorsement from Out-of-State

Massachusetts does not transfer Hazardous Materials Endorsements. This means that you will be required to take the Hazardous Materials Knowledge Exam and pass a Background Check.

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3. Upon being notified that you passed the Background Check, do the following:

- Go to an RMV branch office.
- Complete a CDL Application.
- Pay the fees for a Commercial Driver's License with Hazardous Materials Endorsement.

TSA Hazmat Enrollment Center Background Check Sites

For a complete list of Background Check sites, visit [TSA's Universal Enroll website](#).

If you fail the Background Check, you are not eligible for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement. Go to [TSA's website](#) for appeal and waiver information.

Transportation Security Administration (TSA) HME Threat Assessment Program (HTAP) Required Identity and Citizenship/Immigration Documentation

As of November 2013

This section contains information on the identification documents that must be presented to the TSA vendor at the time of the background check.

You must provide identity/citizenship status documentation during enrollment, and the name on your documents must match exactly with the name you use on your application. If you have legally changed your name, you must provide a court-ordered name change document in addition to the required documentation. For example, if you present a U.S. birth certificate with your maiden name and a driver's license with your married name, you must also provide a marriage certificate that shows the link between the names on the birth certificate and the driver's license.

If you have any of the documents from List A below, please provide one of these documents during enrollment. If you do not have a document from List A, please see List B.

List A: ONE document is acceptable from the following forms of identification:

- Unexpired U.S. Passport (book or card) – demonstrates U.S. Citizenship
- Unexpired Enhanced Tribal Card (ETC) – demonstrates U.S. Citizenship
- Unexpired Merchant Mariner Document (MMD) – designates U.S. Citizenship
- Unexpired Free and Secure Trade (FAST) Card – designates U.S. Citizenship
- Unexpired NEXUS Card – designates U.S. Citizenship
- Unexpired Secure Electronic Network for Travelers Rapid Inspection (SENTRI) Card – designates U.S. Citizenship
- Unexpired U.S. Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) – designates U.S. Citizenship
- Permanent Resident Card (I-551) often referred to as a "Green Card" – demonstrates LPR status
- Unexpired Foreign Passport AND immigrant visa with I-551 annotation of "Upon Endorsement Serves as Temporary I-551 Evidencing Permanent Residence of 1 Year" – demonstrates LPR status
- Unexpired Re-entry Permit (I-327) – demonstrates LPR status

At least two documents are required if you do not have a document from List A. The documents must include 1) a valid photo ID, and 2) a document that meets citizenship requirements. For example, the combination of a driver's license and a U.S. Social Security card contains a photo ID but does *not* demonstrate citizenship status and is not a valid combination. However, the combination of a valid driver's license and U.S. birth certificate would meet the document requirements for enrollment.

List B: You MUST have at least ONE document from each list below for a total of TWO documents.

The names on all documents MUST MATCH with your application name, unless you provide a valid proof of name change*

Photo ID + Proof of U.S. Citizenship + Name Change Document (if needed) = Valid Combination

Valid Photo ID

- *Unexpired* driver's license issued by a State or outlying possession of the U.S.
- *Unexpired* photo ID card issued by a State or outlying possession of the U.S. This must include a State or State agency seal or logo (such as a State university ID)
- U.S. military ID card or U.S. retired military ID
- U.S. military dependent's card
- Native American tribal document with photo
- *Unexpired* Merchant Mariner License (MML) bearing an official raised seal, or a certified copy
- *Unexpired* Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)
- *Unexpired* Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC)
- Expired U.S. passport within 12 months of expiration**

Valid Proof of Citizenship

- Original or certified copy of birth certificate issued by a State, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the U.S. bearing an official seal
- U.S. Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or 561)
- U.S. Certificate of Naturalization (N-550 or 570)
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (I-179 or I-197)
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240)
- Certification of Report of Birth Abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545)
- Expired U.S. passport within 12 months of expiration**

*** Valid Proof of Name Change (If Needed)**

- Original or Certified Copy of a Court Ordered Name Change Document (to include marriage certificates and divorce decrees) if the names on your photo ID and citizenship status document do not exactly match

** An expired U.S. passport **may not** be presented by itself. It **must** be presented with at least one other List B document (and a name change document if needed). You may provide a second List B document listed above, or one of the following:

- Voter's Registration card
- U.S. Social Security card
- U.S. military discharge papers (DD-214)
- Department of Transportation (DOT) medical card