

# Requirements for Getting a CDL or CDL Instruction Permit

## Overview

On July 8, 2015, the requirements for a CDL or CDL instruction permit changed. All applicants for an original or renewal CDL or CDL instruction permit must now present proof of being a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.

DMV is no longer authorized to issue or renew limited term CDLs or CDL instruction permits to applicants who present proof of being in the U.S. for a temporary or indefinite authorized length of stay.

If you currently have a CDL or CDL instruction permit and you have not previously presented to DMV proof of being a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the U.S. you will be required to do so at your next issuance.

If you currently hold a limited term CDL or CDL instruction permit you will be required to provide proof of being a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the U.S. when your limited term privilege expires. If you do not have proof of being a citizen or lawful permanent resident you will have to downgrade to a limited term non-commercial driver license.

The following is a list of documents which are accepted by DMV as proof of being a citizen or lawful permanent resident:

- U.S. Government-issued birth document certified by a city, county, state or federal agency, including District of Columbia, U.S. Census Bureau or a U.S. Territory (American Samoa, Puerto Rico (issued on or after July 1, 2010), Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and North Mariana Islands)
- A U.S. Consular Report of Birth Abroad (FS-240);
- A Request for Verification of Birth (DD372) that must include date/signature of recruiting officer, and signature, date and official seal or stamp of the issuing Vital record agency;
- Report of Child Born Abroad of American Parent(s);
- A valid U.S. Passport, Passport Card, Emergency Passport or Territorial Passport, expired no more than 5 years
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Resident Alien Card or Permanent Resident Card, not expired

A complete list of documents DMV accepts as proof of being a citizen or lawful permanent resident in the U.S. is provided at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/idproof.aspx#legal\\_presence](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/idproof.aspx#legal_presence).

All documents must be the original or a certified copy from the issuing agency. Birth documents cannot be laminated or be issued by a hospital or non-government agency. In addition, passports stamped cancelled, with clipped corners, or contain a hole-punch are not acceptable.

Obtaining original, renewed or replacement documents can be time consuming. If you have not previously provided acceptable proof of being a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.

to DMV and you do not have an acceptable document you should begin applying for your document right away.

#### **Authority**

ORS 807.040 and 807.285, in accordance with 49 CFR Section 383.71(a)(2)(v), (b)(9), (c)(6), and (d)(5), require a person to be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States in order to be issued or renew a CDL or CDL instruction permit.

#### **For Additional CDL and CDL Instruction Permit Application Requirements**

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/cdlget.aspx>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/cdlrenew.aspx>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/cdlreplace.aspx>