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## Subject: CDL — Mexican License Design and Interpretation

Verify the validity of ALL MX CDL's using the [General Directorate of Federal Motor Transport](https://www.semte.gob.mx/) website **only**.

Other addresses listed below may assist if looking up by the CURP/Med

### LFC Card Type 1



#### Should not see type 1 any longer.

- There are two physical cards that may be encountered through 2025.
- Type 1 was the first to phase out on January 15, 2023.
- Any LFC card with an issue date after April 1, 2021 is likely fraudulent.



### Types of Fraud (Physical LFC Cards)



Look for incorrect information using the [General Directorate of Federal Motor Transport](https://www.semte.gob.mx/) website.



A website address, other than that listed here, is a good indicator that the license is fraudulent. Always use the website above to verify.

A fraudulent license would result in a violation of 383.23A2 and the driver should be placed OOS.

**All CDL's are valid for no more than 4 years. Verify the issue/expiration dates.**

## General Security

- Nationality other than Mexico is very rare. **Nacionalidad: MEXICO**
- First 304 characters of license number are state abbreviation where issued. See list below. **SON9876543**
- Physical license issued after April 1, 2021 will use “LFD” for state abbreviation.
- The CURP is 18 characters in length and unique, like SSN. **CURP: IACP171118HSKBRD14**
- Licenses are valid for up to 4 years.

## LFC Card Type 2



**All type 2 cards due to expire by March 31, 2025.**

### Type 2 Physical LFC Card Security

- Photo of driver (correct person).
- Laminated with refractive designs. No peeling.
- Micro line design. No blurring.
- SCT seal should overlap driver photo.
- Refractive seal of Mexico.
- Folio indicates number of times license issued / printed.
- Verification website displayed on back of physical LFC.

Categoria	Description	Comparable To
A	For any bus	US Class B with passenger endorsement
B	Any CMV (no HM)	US Class A with tank and doubles/triples endorsement
C	Straight trucks max of 3 axles (including trailer) (no HM)	US Class B with tank endorsement
D	Autos or small busses not to exceed 7716 pounds or 13 passengers including driver	None
E	Any CMV including HM	Class A with HM, tank & doubles/triples endorsement
F	Taxis from any seaport or airport in Mexico	None

1	Licencia Federal de Conductor
2	Driver's Name
3	Date of Birth
4	Validity Period
5	Original Issuance Date
6	Driver's License Number
7	License Class
8	Medical Certificate Number
9	Restrictions

## LFC Card Type 2



10	Endorsements and Restrictions
11	eLicencias (Verification website)

Restrictions  
Lentes "X" = Eye glasses



Esta licencia tiene  
reconocimiento en eua Y Canada =  
**This license is recognized in the  
USA & Canada.**

Valida solo para circular en la  
Republica Mexicana = **Restricted to  
driving in Mexico Only.**

# Federal Digital Driver License (FDDL)



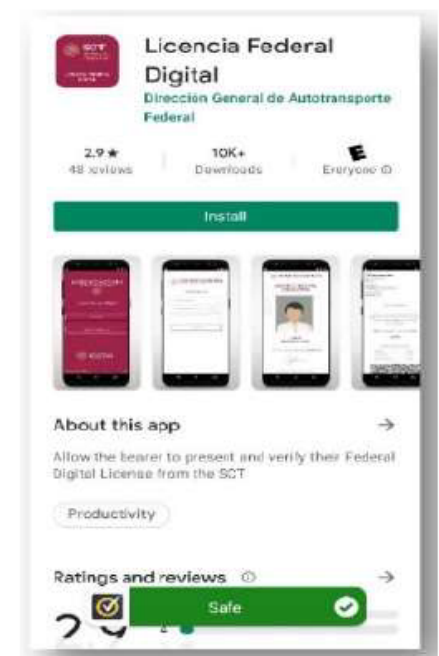
All LFCs are now issues in a digital format that can be viewed on the driver's phone or tablet.

- If presented with a digital version, **ensure you view the FDDL through the app** on your device.
- Do not accept a screenshot that was saved from the app. **Screenshots can be easily altered!**



## App Download

The SCT's Driver App can be downloaded from the major app stores under the name "Licencia Federal Digital".



## Federal Digital Driver License — Printed



Mexico allows drivers to print their LFC on paper. The printed version:

- Will have a date that it was accessed.
- **Is valid for only 30 days from the print date!**

Printed records older than 30 days will be considered to have no valid driver's license in possession in accordance with local laws.

- Cite 392.2 in the U.S. for local laws if the license status indicates “licensed” but is not in the driver’s possession at the time of inspection.



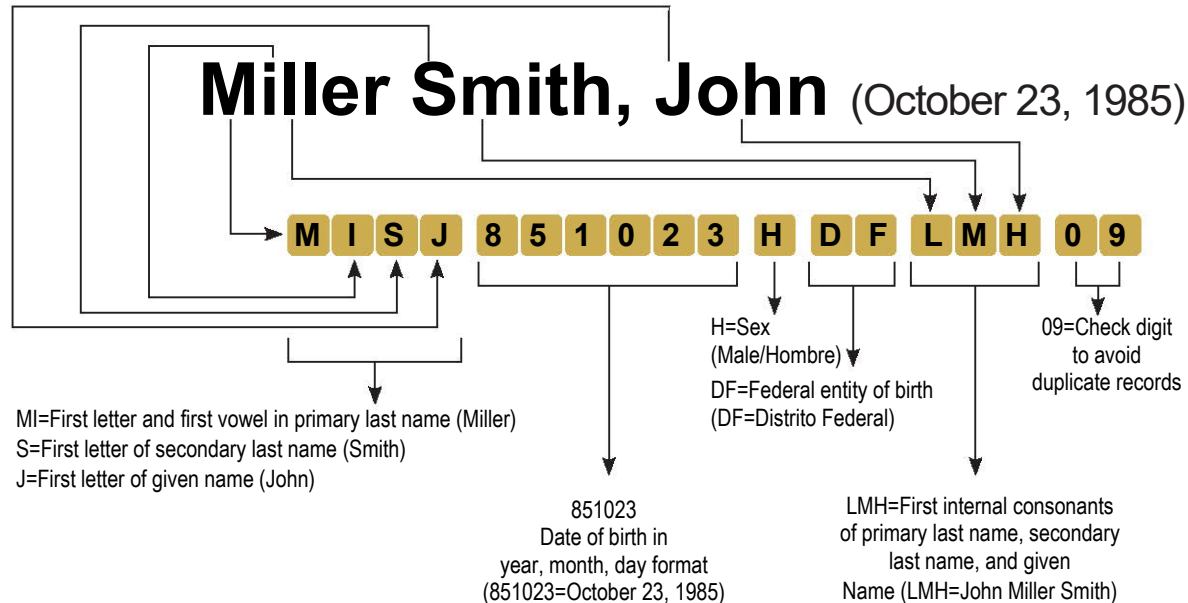
Drivers without the App are allowed to print a copy of the LFC.

Verify the validity of the LFC on the web site. No valid return equals 383.23A2 – No CDL. The driver should be placed OOS.

**Date that the copy was printed** will show on the record.

If more than 30 days old but license has been verified as valid on the website, apply violation of 392.2 – failing to carry license on person. This is not an OOS.

# Understanding the CURP Number



**Note:** When there is only one last name, an “X” is used in place of the secondary last name initial. Middle name initials are not used.

**Example:** John Mark Miller = MIXJ

## CURP Highlights

- The CURP is 18 characters in length and unique, like SSN.
- Federal Entity of Birth characters 21-13 do not correspond to state abbreviation table.
- Characters 14-16 are frequently incorrect on fraudulent licenses.
- Last two characters are check digits. Drivers born before 2000 will contain numbers 0-9. Drivers born after 2000 will contain characters A-Z.

# Mexico State Prefix List

License Type	License Format
<b>Licencia Federal Digital (LFD)</b>	<b>“LFD” Followed by Numeric Digits</b>
Issued April 1, 2021 or after	LFD99999999
<b>Mexican State</b>	<b>State Prters Followed by 5-7 Numeric Digits</b>
Aguascalientes	AGS
Baja California	BCN
Baja California Sur	BCS
Campeche	CAMP
Chiapas	CHIS
Chihuahua	CHIH
Coahuila	COAH
Colima	COL
Distrito Federal	DF
Durango	DGO
Estado De Mexico	EDOM
Guanajuato	GTO
Guerrero	GRO
Hidalgo	HGO
Jalisco	JAL
Michoacán	MICH
Morelos	MOR
Nayarit	NAY
Nuevo León	NVOL
Oaxaca	OAX
Puebla	PUE
Querétaro	QRO
Quintana Roo	QROO
San Luis Potosí	SLP
Sinaloa	SIN
Sonora	SON
Tabasco	TAB
Tamaulipas	TAMP
Tlaxcala	TLAX
Veracruz	VER
Yucatán	YUC
Zacatecas	ZAC



# Quick Fix: Fraudulent Licencia Federal de Conductor (LFC)

## Additional Resources

[Inspection Bulletin 2021-04 – Mexican Federal Licenses](#)

[Inspection Bulletin 2020-04 – CDL Queries Should Be Conducted Through CDLIS](#)

[Inspector Focus Training for Mexico Federal License Inspection Bulletin 2021-04](#)

[Inspector Focus Training for CDLIS Inspection Bulletin 2020-04](#)

[Fraud Detection and Remediation Training Course](#)

[FMCSA Foreign Driver's License Brochure](#)

## Database Websites – Please Bookmark

Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS): [LFC Status Inquiry for all U.S. Inspections](#).

Mexico Secretaria de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SCT): [Mexico LFC Status Inquiry](#).

Direccion General de Medicina en el Transporte (Medical Certificate Status Inquiry): [Medical Certificate Status Inquiry](#).

Mexico Clave Unica de Registro de Poblacion (CURP): [CURP Public Inquiry](#).