



South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles

Information Sheet

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Requirements for Obtaining Hazardous Material Endorsements

For additional information, please go to our website www.scdmvonline.com and review the Commercial License HME web page or go to the TSA website at www.tsa.gov

Effective January 31, 2005, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) will implement provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56 enacted by Congress on October 25, 2001) that apply to commercial drivers transporting Hazardous Materials.

The primary impact to CDL drivers is the need for a background records check before a hazardous materials endorsement (HME) can be issued or renewed. Drivers must submit fingerprints and a background records check application to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will approve or disapprove the driver for a HME.

- Beginning January 31, 2005, a person with a CDL beginner permit may no longer obtain a hazardous material endorsement, based on Part 383.23 (c) (3) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.
- Beginning January 31, 2005 the SC Department of Motor Vehicles will not **issue a first time** SC HME to a CDL holder unless the driver submits fingerprints and obtains a TSA security clearance or waiver.
- Beginning May 31, 2005 the SC Department of Motor Vehicles will not **renew** any CDL HME unless the driver submits fingerprints and obtains a TSA security clearance or waiver.

The background records check fingerprint fees will total \$83.00, based on the following fee schedule: SLED \$25.00, FBI \$24.00 and TSA \$34.00. **Only cash, credit or debit card, money order, cashiers check or certified check will be accepted.** This cost does not include regular application, license and knowledge test fees for the SC credential itself.

Steps required to obtain SC – CDL with HME

- Customer completes a form 447 Driver's License Application in any DMV office
- Customer pays for, completes and passes hazardous material knowledge test in any DMV office
- Customer pays any other required application or credential fees, if obtaining a non-Hazmat credential
- Customer receives and completes a TSA approved application
- Customer goes to one of 10 DMV offices to have fingerprints recorded
- Customer pays all fees (CDL fingerprinting fee and application and credential fees for non-hazmat credential, if not previously paid)
- DMV representative records fingerprints
- DMV sends fingerprints to SLED, who will forward prints to FBI
- DMV sends application to TSA
- TSA completes threat assessment
- TSA notifies DMV of security threat assessment results
- TSA sends applicant the security threat assessment results
- Applicant brings TSA Notification to any DMV office
- DMV Field Office representative verifies security threat assessment results using DMV systems
- If applicant passes, DMV will issue a credential with an H or X endorsement
- If applicant fails, DMV will only be able to issue a CDL without an H or X endorsement, if applicant still requires a CDL
- SC DMV will not accept a security threat assessment from another state. Applicants will be required to complete a threat assessment for the State of South Carolina

While an HME applicant can take the HME knowledge test in any DMV office, the applicant must go to any of the following offices according to schedule to have fingerprints collected. No appointment is necessary.

ONE DAY PER WEEK FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM			
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chester 508 Belt Road Chester, SC 29706	Greenwood 510 W. Alexander Ext. Greenwood, SC 29646	Ridgeland S27-348 Live Oak Dr. Ridgeland, SC 29936	Kingstree 785 Eastland Ave. Kingstree, SC 29556
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM			
Dillon 1705 Highway 301 S. Dillon, SC 29536	Ladson 135 Wimberly Drive Ladson, SC 29456	Pickens 2133 Gentry Memorial Highway Pickens, SC 29671	
Irmo/Ballentine 1016 Broadstone Road Irmo, SC 29063	North Augusta 1913 Ascauga Lake Road North Augusta, SC 29841	Spartanburg 1625 Southport Road Spartanburg, SC 29306	