

# Motor Vehicle Advisory

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TO: All Law Enforcement Officials  
FROM: Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman and Chief Administrator  
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SUBJECT: **Changes to Commercial Learner Permit and  
Commercial Driver License**

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations, 49 C.F.R. 383.155, and New Jersey regulations, N.J.A.C. 13:21-23.20, require that all Commercial Learner Permits (CLP) meet the same tamper-proof methods as non-commercial driver licenses.

Beginning November 9, 2015, the Motor Vehicle Commission will no longer issue paper CLPs. They will be replaced by an actual digital CLP in the same format as our current commercial driver license (CDL). Below is an example of the new CLP. The CLP will be valid for 180 days and must be accompanied by a New Jersey driver license if operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). Please note, any non-expired paper CDL permit issued prior to November 9, 2015 is to be honored.





In addition to the new CLP format, there are new restrictions for a CLP and also for a CDL. The new CLP restrictions are as follows:

L- restriction for No vehicles with air brakes.

K - restriction for Intrastate only

V - restriction for Medical variance (the driver must also have their hard copy variance issued by FMCSA)

P - No Passenger Restriction on CLP, if CLP has a P endorsement.

X - No Cargo in Tank Restriction, if CLP has an N endorsement.

The new restrictions used on a CDL are as follows:

O - Except Tractor-Trailer

Z - No full air brake equipped CMV

E - No manual transmission equipped CMV

K - Intrastate only

V - Medical variance

All current restrictions on a CDL remain in effect.

Moving traffic violations that occur when a CLP holder is driving a CMV must be treated in the same manner as a CDL holder. Therefore, if any moving traffic violations occur by a CLP holder driving a CMV, the CDL indicator box on the universal summons must be checked.