NJMVC
New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission

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ENDORSEMENT

'S' Endorsement Info
609-633-9684

General MVC Info
609 292 6500

Vehicle Info
609 633 9473

www.njmvc.gov

Important Information Concerning the Requirements to Obtain and Renew

Obtaining an 'S' endorsement requires the applicant to take a knowledge, vision and road skills test.

To help prepare for the 'S' endorsement tests, drivers should refer to the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Manual, which can be obtained at any Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) regional service center or agency. Also, drivers are encouraged to check the MVC's Web site at www.njmvc.gov for more information and updates.

Who Needs an 'S' Endorsement?

All CDL holders and applicants who will be transporting school-age children in a commercial vehicle to and from a:

- School or school-related activity
- Preschool center or nursery school
- Day camp or seasonal residence camp
- Child care center

Fee

The cost of a four-year CDL with 'P' and 'S' endorsements is $46.

Transporting school-age children without the proper CDL endorsements will result in a conviction

Requirements

All school bus drivers under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Education (DOE) are fingerprinted under NJSA 18A:39-19.1. Employers or local school districts oversee the background check process.

The DOE archive/renewal process must be completed before coming into an MVC agency for renewal of the 'S' endorsement. It should be started no sooner than 3 months prior to the license expiration date. The driver must present the DOE approval letter and the completed declaration flyer to an MVC agent.

All school bus operators not under the DOE's jurisdiction, in addition to any other fingerprint employment requirements, must be fingerprinted under NJSA 39:3-10.1.

At the time of renewal, all school bus operators not under DOE's jurisdiction must present the following to an MVC agent:

- A letter from their current employer confirming they are still operating a school bus.
- The completed declaration flyer.

A CDL Holder Self-Certification document along with a legible, fully completed medical examiner certificate, completed by a federally certified medical examiner, must accompany all first time commercial license permit (CLP) applicants. A new medical examiner certificate must be submitted to the MVC upon expiration.

NOTE: Changes from a DOE to non-DOE operator, and vice versa, will require additional fingerprinting in compliance with employment and MVC requirements. Questions can be directed to the Bus Application Unit at (609) 292-7500 ext. 5039.

Violations

As of October 1, 2006, driving a commercial vehicle to transport school-age children without the proper CDL endorsements will result in a conviction that could prompt a CDL suspension.

Certain Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act (MCSIA) violations, whether they are committed while driving a commercial or passenger vehicle, may cause a CDL suspension.

Wireless Telephone Use

It is illegal for school bus drivers to use a wireless or cellular telephone while operating a school bus, unless:

- The school bus is parked in a safe area off a highway.
- There is an emergency situation.

About Vehicles

All drivers transporting school-age children must have 'P' and 'S' endorsements.

For information about vehicles requiring the 'S' endorsement, please check the MVC's Web site at www.njmvc.gov and click on *Inspections* and then *School Bus Inspections*. This link will provide all information on school bus, small school bus, dual purpose vehicles and summer camp vehicles.

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