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ALEA will update the driver license system on 07/15/2017. The updates will reflect new FMCSA rules for commercial learners and will also implement the AAMVA nationwide standard of restrictions codes.

## The FMCSA rules include:

- The existing Commercial Learner License (CLL) being phased out over the next 12 months.
- New drivers will obtain a Commercial Learner Permit (CLP) which will be a separate physical license from the Class D or CDL (Base License). Both the Base License and the CLP will have the same DL number.
- A CLP can be held in conjunction with a Base License that is a full CDL if the CLP is for a class and/or endorsement that requires additional skills test.
- A CLP IS NOT valid without the Base License when training in a commercial vehicle. If the driver is in a commercial vehicle both the CLP and Base License must be presented.
- A CLP holder is not required to present the CLP if operating a class D vehicle. They may present only their Base License. It is allowed for them to present both, but not a requirement.
- A CLP is under strict FMCSA requirements to have only CMV specific restrictions printed on it, therefore the Base License restrictions must also be checked. For example, the corrective lenses (A) restriction may only be printed on the base license and is not allowed to be printed on the CLP.
- A CLP with a Passenger Endorsement will have a Passenger restriction because FMCSA rules do not allow a learning CLP holder with a passenger endorsement to train with passengers in the vehicle. The trainer and other students of the trainer can be passengers in the vehicle.
- A CLP with a Tank Endorsement will have a No Cargo restriction because FMCSA rules require an empty tank.
- A CLP is required to be held for 14 days for any class and/or endorsement that requires a skills test.

## The AAMVA Standardization of Restrictions

- All states must move to using the same restrictions. This required Alabama to change some restrictions.
- Alabama will have a 4-year window where some restrictions will have different meanings based on the date the license was issued.
- After 4 years, all licenses will be renewed and updated with the new restrictions.
- It will be important to review the restriction definition on the back of the license to determine the restriction meaning during this 4-year period.
- Old Restrictions will be on licenses issued before 07/15/2017. New restrictions will be placed on licenses issued on and after 07/15/2017.

**Old and New DL Restrictions are provided below.**

<b>Old Restrictions</b>	<b>New Restrictions</b>
<b>Cards Issued Before 07/15/2017</b>	<b>Cards Issued On OR After 07/15/2017</b>
A – Corrective Lenses	A – Corrective Lenses
B – Motor Driven Cycle	B – Motor Driven Cycle
	<b>C - Daylight Only</b>
D – Outside Mirror - Left	D – Outside Mirror - Left
E – Daylight Only	<b>E – No Manual Transmission CMV</b>
F – Hand Controls	F – Hand Control
G – automatic Transmission	G – automatic Transmission
H – Outside Mirror – Right	H – Outside Mirror - Right
I – Outside Mirror – Left and Right	I – Outside Mirror – Left and Right
J – Hearing Impaired	J – Hearing Impaired
K – Vehicle Without Air Brakes	<b>K – Intrastate Only</b>
L – Power Steering Only	<b>L – No Air Brake Equipped CMV</b>
M – Power Brakes Only	<b>M – No Class A Passenger Vehicle</b>
N – Built-Up Pedals	<b>N – No Class B Passenger Vehicle</b>
O – Built-Up Seat	<b>O – No Tractor Trailer CMV</b>
P – Left Foot Accelerator	<b>P – No Passenger in CMV Bus (Only used on CLP)</b>
	<b>Q – Power Brakes Only</b>
R – Mechanical Signals	R – Mechanical Signals
	<b>T – Built-Up Pedals</b>
	<b>U – Built Up Seat</b>
	<b>V – Medical Variance</b>
W – Intrastate Commerce Only	
	<b>X – No Cargo in CMV tank (Only used on CLP)</b>
Y – Learner’s License	Y – Learner’s License
	<b>Z – No full air brake equipped CMV</b>

**Permanent Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP)**

**Temporary Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP)**

