CDL Knowledge and Skills Test Waiver-Military

By authorization of Federal Regulation (49 CFR 383.77) and North Dakota state law (NDCC 39-06.2-07), the knowledge and/or skills portion of the State CDL Testing process may be waived for individuals who have experience driving commercial motor vehicles for military purposes.

To qualify for the skills test waiver an applicant must:

- Currently possess a North Dakota driver’s license
- Have a clean driving record for the past two years
- Have been employed within the last 12 months (or be currently employed) in a military position requiring the operation of a commercial vehicle
- Have been exempted from CDL licensing requirements under 49 CFR 383.3 (c) Note: Must mark “YES” on application to qualify for waiver
- Have been operating a commercial vehicle in the military for at least the last two years or the two years immediately preceding discharge
- Submit SFN 60071 Application for CDL Knowledge and Skills Test Waiver-Military to Central Office. Form must be fully completed, dated within the last 30 days, and signed by a Commanding Officer.

For the knowledge test waiver, an applicant must meet all the above requirements and have been employed in one of the following specialties in the last year:

- U.S. Army 88M/14T/92F
- U.S. Air Force 2T1/2F0/3E2
- U.S. Marine Corps 3531
- U.S. Navy EO

Application process:
- Central Office will review the application and notify the applicant in writing if the knowledge and/or skills test waiver has been approved or denied
- If approved, the applicant will have 30 days from the mailing date to visit a Driver License Site to have the waiver(s) processed. The applicant must present the approval letter, their current driver’s license, a certified birth certificate or valid passport, and proof of resident address (e.g., mortgage/lease/rental document or utility bill)
- If only approved for the skills test waiver, the knowledge tests must be passed prior to a commercial license being issued
- The applicant will need to pay appropriate licensing fees and meet the commercial vision and medical standards