

ALEA Announces Significant Changes to the CDL Process

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) has announced major updates to the Commercial Driver License (CDL) process. These changes are designed to enhance road safety and ensure compliance with federal guidelines. These updates will impact both current CDL holders and new applicants. The updates will roll out in two phases: the first on **June 23, 2025**, and the second on **July 1, 2025**.

Key Changes:

1. Mandatory Electronic Submission of DOT Medical Certifications

Effective June 23, 2025, ALEA will require all DOT medical certifications to be submitted electronically by authorized medical providers. This is in accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations and transitions this to a national registry*.

- Paper medical cards and online uploads will no longer be accepted.
- CDL holders can view or update their DOT medical card or self-certification at: alabamadl.alea.gov
 - Ensure your self-certification category is accurate. Contact your medical examiner if your medical card information is missing or incorrect.

2. Modernized CDL Skills Test

Starting July 1, 2025, ALEA will adopt the AAMVA Modernized Version of the CDL Skills Test.

- Vehicle Inspection (VI): Streamlined to remove redundant steps and focus on safety-critical components.
- Basic Control Skills Test (BCS): Now includes four maneuvers, with new additions such as Forward Stop and Forward Offset Tracking. These additions are based on crash data indicating high rates of frontal impacts and sideswipes involving commercial motor vehicles.**

*[Download](#) the National Registry II Fact Sheet.

**[Download](#) the CDL Manual (Supplement for Modernized Version).

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