



FMCSA EMERGENCY INTERIM RULE – NONRENEWABLE / NONTRANSFERABLE CDL

On Monday, September 29, 2025, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published an emergency interim rule, effective immediately, which updates eligibility for non-domiciled Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) and Commercial Learner's Permits (CLP). In Ohio, applicants that are issued a non-domiciled CDL are referred to as a Nonrenewable / Nontransferable (the current driver license reads "NR/NT") or Limited Term credential.

In addition to the new restrictions on eligibility, FMCSA requires states to come into "substantial compliance" prior to issuing, transferring, renewing, or upgrading a non-domiciled CLP or CDL. As the statutory authority for all Commercial Driver's License requirements, FMCSA may penalize non-compliant states by withholding federal highway funds and decertify a state's authority to issue CDLs, which could impact all Ohio CDL holders. To ensure compliance, the Ohio BMV has paused the issuance and testing of CDL / CLPs to all nonrenewable / nontransferable customers.

At this time, Ohio is identifying all necessary modifications to the Ohio Non-Domiciled CDL program and has not determined a date to resume issuance. All local licensing agencies and testing facilities have been instructed to cease issuing and testing for all Non-Renewable/Non-Transferable CDLs. This includes duplicate, changes /upgrades, renewals or new issuances of Non-Renewable/Non-Transferable CDLs and CDLPs. Individuals may choose to renew their Class D Non-Renewable/Non-Transferable but will be required to downgrade existing Non-Renewable/Non-Transferable CDLs and CDLPs.

After completing all necessary modifications, the Ohio BMV will communicate eligibility to the public. The Ohio BMV encourages all customers to also review the FMCSA's website regarding the emergency rule to identify the types of visas eligible for CDL / CLPs. For helpful information, please visit the following links:

- [FMCSA Emergency Rule](#)
- [FMCSA Announcement](#)