

Commercial Drivers

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Does the license extension apply to CDL holders?

Yes, for CDLs scheduled to expire from March 16, 2020, through June 30, 2020, the expiration date is **now extended until June 30, 2020**.

Are rest areas and welcome centers open?

Some PennDOT rest areas and welcome centers statewide will be closed to the public effective 12:01 AM Tuesday, March 17, 2020. See below for a list of open locations. All reopened rest areas will return to normal service with additional cleaning and maintenance.

These are the locations:

- Interstate 70 westbound in Fulton County, 1 mile west of the Maryland state line;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Columbia County, 3.5 miles east of Exit 242; and
- Interstate 80 westbound in Columbia County, 10 miles west of Exit 256.
- Interstate 70 eastbound in Washington County, 3.5 miles east of Exit 1;
- Interstate 81 northbound in Franklin County, 1 mile north of the Maryland state line;
- Interstate 81 southbound in Susquehanna County, .5 miles south of the New York state line;
- Interstate 90 westbound in Erie County, .5 miles west of the New York state line;
- U.S. 15 southbound in Tioga County, 7 miles south of the New York state line;
- Interstate 79 northbound in Allegheny County, 8 miles north of Exit 45;
- Interstate 79 northbound in Crawford County, 8 miles north of Exit 154;
- Interstate 79 southbound in Crawford County, 3 miles south of Exit 166;
- Interstate 79 northbound in Greene County, 5 miles north of Exit 1;
- Interstate 79 northbound in Lawrence County, 3.5 miles north of Exit 105;
- Interstate 79 southbound in Lawrence County, 3.5 miles south of Exit 113
- Interstate 79 northbound in Mercer County, 5 miles south of Exit 141;
- Interstate 79 southbound in Mercer County, 6 miles north of Exit 130;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Centre County, 13 miles east of Exit 133;
- Interstate 80 westbound in Centre County, .5 miles west of Exit 147;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Jefferson County, 1 mile east of Exit 86;
- Interstate 80 westbound in Jefferson County, 10 miles west of Exit 97;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Luzerne County, 8.5 miles east of Exit 262;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Monroe County, 1 mile east of I-80/I-380;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Montour County, 4.5 miles east of Exit 215;
- Interstate 80 westbound in Montour County, 4.5 miles west of Exit 224;
- Interstate 80 eastbound in Venango County, .5 miles east of Exit 29;
- Interstate 80 westbound in Venango County, 4 miles west of Exit 35;
- Interstate 81 northbound in Cumberland County, .5 miles north of Exit 37;
- Interstate 81 southbound in Cumberland County, 5.5 miles south of Exit 44;
- Interstate 81 northbound in Lackawanna County, .5 miles north of Exit 202;

- Interstate 81 northbound in Luzerne County, 1.5 miles north of Exit 155;
- Interstate 81 southbound in Luzerne County, 1.5 miles south of Exit 159;
- Interstate 81 southbound in Susquehanna County, 4 miles south of Exit 211;
- Interstate 83 northbound in York County, 2.5 miles north of the Maryland state line;
- Interstate 84 eastbound in Pike County, 6 miles east of Exit 20; and
- Interstate 84 westbound in Pike County, 1 mile west of Exit 26.

Has FMCSA issued any waivers in reference to CDL drivers during this COVID-19 emergency for things like drug testing, hours of service, etc?

There are federal requirements regarding CDL for which PennDOT Driver and Vehicle Services does not have oversight; however, FMCSA has granted additional waivers and has provided additional guidance during this emergency period. [This information may be accessed through FMCSA's website.Opens In A New Window](#) Any questions related to these items should be directed to FMCSA.

My Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) is expiring for my CDL. What do I do?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued multiple waivers and guidance relating to MECs until September 30, 2020:

- FMCSA waives the requirement under 49 CFR 391.45 that CDL holders, CLP holders, and non-CDL drivers have a medical examination and certification, provided that they have proof of a valid medical certification that was issued for a period of 90 days or longer and that expired on or after March 1, 2020.
- FMCSA waives the requirement under 49 CFR 383.71(h)(3) that, in order to maintain the medical certification status of "certified," CDL or CLP holders provide the State Driver Licensing Agency with an original or copy of a subsequently issued medical examiner's certificate, provided that they have proof of a valid medical certification that expired on or after March 1, 2020.
- Drivers claiming relief under this waiver from the requirement for a valid medical certificate must have proof of a valid medical certificate that expired on or after March 1, 2020, and carry a paper copy of their expired medical certificates.
- Drivers who cannot produce evidence of a prior medical certification that expired on or after March 1, 2020, are not covered under this waiver, including new drivers who have never obtained a medical certification.
- Drivers who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have been diagnosed with a medical condition that would disqualify the driver from operating in interstate commerce, or who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have developed a condition that requires an exemption or Skill Performance Evaluation from FMCSA are not covered under this waiver.

In addition, PennDOT has temporarily stopped processes to downgrade CDL drivers who are unable to provide their updated MECs as indicated in the FMCSA waiver and guidance; however, If drivers do obtain an updated, valid MEC, the Bureau of Driver Licensing is still able to process the MEC and add the information to the driver record. To ensure timely processing, MECs can be submitted by email at CDLmedscert@pa.gov or by fax at 717-783-5429.

I have a CDL with a Hazardous Material Endorsement (HME) and currently cannot complete the recertification process because of the closure of PennDOT Driver License Centers. What do I do?

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has granted a temporary exemption from requirements regarding the expiration of TSA security threat assessments for Hazardous Material Endorsement (HME) holders ([49 CFR 1572Opens In A New Window](#)). Considering the exemption, the expiration date of an HME for a Pennsylvania CDL holder who held a valid, unexpired HME with a determination of no security threat on or after March 6, 2020, is extended until June 30, 2020

Will my Hazardous Material Endorsement (HME) remain valid with the extension of the expiration date of my CDL?

Yes. When your CDL expiration date is extended, your HME is also extended for the same time period.

Additional waiver information

All documents below are PDFs unless otherwise noted.

- March 6, 2020 - [Hazardous Material Endorsement expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- March 13, 2020 - [License and ID expiration extension for Montgomery County](#)
- March 13, 2020 - [Registration and inspection expiration extension for Montgomery County](#)
- March 14, 2020 - [License and ID expiration extension for Delaware County](#)
- March 14, 2020 - [Registration and inspection expiration extension for Delaware County](#)
- March 15, 2020 - [License and ID expiration extension for Bucks and Chester counties](#)
- March 15, 2020 - [Registration and inspection expiration extension for Bucks and Chester counties](#)
- March 16, 2020 - [License and ID expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- March 16, 2020 - [Registration and inspection expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- March 16, 2020 - [Learner's permit expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- March 16, 2020 - [Disability placards expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- April 3, 2020 - [Weight restriction exemption for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- April 8, 2020 - [School bus regulatory waiver for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- April 30, 2020 - [License and ID expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- April 30, 2020 - [Learner's permit expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- May 12, 2020 - [HME for CDL holders expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- May 12, 2020 - [Registration and inspection expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- May 12, 2020 - [Disability placards expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- May 26, 2020 - [License and ID expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- May 26, 2020 - [Learner's permit expiration extension for all Pennsylvania counties](#)
- June 3, 2020 - [Weight restriction exemption for all Pennsylvania counties](#)