§ 384.204 CDL issuance and information.

(a) General rule. The State shall authorize a person to operate a CMV only by issuance of a CDL, unless a waiver under the provisions of §383.7 applies, which contains, at a minimum, the information specified in part 383, subpart J, of this title.

(b) Exceptions—(1) Training. The State may authorize a person, who does not hold a CDL valid in the type of vehicle in which training occurs, to undergo behind-the-wheel training in a CMV only by means of a learner’s permit issued and used in accordance with §383.23(c) of this title.

(2) Confiscation of CDL pending enforcement. A State may allow a CDL holder whose CDL is held in trust by that State or any other State in the course of enforcement of the motor vehicle traffic code, but who has not been convicted of a disqualifying offense under §383.51 based on such enforcement, to drive a CMV while holding a dated receipt for such CDL.

§ 384.205 CDLIS information.

Before issuing a CDL to any person, the State shall, within the period of time specified in §384.232, perform the check of the Commercial Driver’s License Information System (CDLIS) in accordance with §383.73(a)(3)(i) of this title, and, based on that information, shall issue the license, or, in the case of adverse information, promptly implement the disqualifications, licensing limitations, denials, and/or penalties that are called for in any applicable section(s) of this subpart.

§ 384.206 State record checks.

(a) Required checks—(1) Issuing State’s records. Before issuing, renewing, upgrading, or transferring a CDL to any person, the driver’s State of record must, within the period of time specified in §384.232, check its own records as follows:

(i) The driver record of the person in accordance with §383.73(a)(3)(i) of this chapter; and

(ii) For a driver who certifies that his or her type of driving is not-excepted, interstate commerce according to §383.71(a)(1)(ii)(A) of this chapter, the medical certification status information on the person’s CDLIS driver record.

(2) Other States’ records. Before the initial or transfer issuance of a CDL to a person, and before renewing a CDL held by any person, the issuing State must:

(i) Require the applicant to provide the names of all States where the applicant has previously been licensed to operate any type of motor vehicle.

(ii) Within the time period specified in §384.232, request the complete driver record from all States where the applicant was licensed within the previous 10 years to operate any type of motor vehicle.

(iii) States receiving a request for the driver record of a person currently or previously licensed by the State must provide the information within 30 days.

(b) Required action. Based on the findings of the State record checks prescribed in this section, the State of record must do one of the following as appropriate:

(1) Issue, renew, upgrade or transfer the applicant’s CDL;

(2) In the event a State obtains adverse information regarding the applicant, promptly implement the disqualifications, licensing limitations, denials, or penalties that are called for in