



MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
DRIVER AND VEHICLE SERVICES

**Seasonal Commercial Driver's License Waiver**

**Print this completed form. This form can be mailed or submitted in person to Driver and Vehicle Services, 445 Minnesota Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-5175.**

- If needed, refer to common questions and answers on back.
- If you have questions or need additional information, please contact DVS at 651-297-5029.
- Seasonal farm commercial driver’s license (CDL) holders are subject to all the CDL penalties found in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 49, section 383.51 and must comply with all state and federal motor carrier laws.
- To qualify, you must be employed in one of the following designated farm-related service industries:  
*Agra-chemical business, custom harvester, farm retail outlet and supplier, livestock feeder*
- You must have had a valid driver’s license for at least one year and have had a good driving record for at least the last two years. “Good driving record” means that you:
  - o Have not had more than one license;
  - o Have not had any driver’s license, permit, or driving privileges suspended, revoked or cancelled for any reason;
  - o Have not been convicted of committing (in any type of motor vehicle) any of the following offenses:
    - being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance;
    - refusing to take an alcohol test as required under implied consent laws;
    - leaving the scene of an accident;
    - any felony involving a motor vehicle;
    - any serious traffic violations (15 mph or more over the posted speed limit, reckless driving, improper or erratic lane changing, following too closely, driving without the proper license or endorsements); or
    - any traffic violation arising in connection with a traffic accident.
  - o Have not had an accident in which you were at fault.
- A seasonal farm CDL is valid for no more than 180 consecutive days in a 12-month period. The back of the seasonal farm CDL card will list the end of the seasonal period. *The license will only be valid for class D (noncommercial) vehicles when the season is over.*
- If you would like a seasonal farm CDL in future years, you must apply for a duplicate CDL and submit a new waiver form.

**I certify that I work for a designated farm-related service industry and I have had a driver’s license for at least one full year. For at least the last two years, I have had a good driving record as defined in [49 CFR 383.3\(f\)\(3\)\(i\)](#).**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

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Full Name (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)

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DL Number (OMIT DASHES)

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First Day of Season (mm/dd/yy)

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Signature

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Date (mm/dd/yy)

## Restricted Seasonal CDL For Farm-Related Service Industries

**What is a restricted seasonal farm CDL?** It is a commercial driver's license (CDL) that is issued for a seasonal period to operate a class B or class C commercial motor vehicle (CMV) – subject to certain conditions – for a farm-related service industry. Qualified applicants are not required to pass CDL tests.

**What kind of vehicle can be driven with a seasonal farm CDL?** With a class B CDL: a single unit with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 26,000 pounds. With a class C CDL: a single unit with a GVWR of 26,000 pounds or less.

Class B and class C CMVs can tow a trailer with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less. Class C CMVs can tow a trailer of more than 10,000 pounds GVWR only if the GVWR of the truck plus the GVWR of the trailer is 26,000 pounds or less.

When the season is over, the license is only valid for class D (noncommercial) vehicles.

**What are the conditions?** An applicant must be employed in one of the following designated farm-related service industries:

- Agri-chemical businesses
- Custom harvesters
- Farm retail outlets and suppliers
- Livestock feeders

An applicant must have had a driver's license for at least one full year and have had a good driving record for at least the last two years. "Good driving record" means that the applicant:

- Has not had more than one license;
- Has not had any driver's license, permit, or driving privileges suspended, revoked or cancelled for any reason;
- Has not been convicted of committing (in any type of motor vehicle) any of the following offenses:
  - being under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance;
  - refusing to take an alcohol test as required under implied consent laws;
  - leaving the scene of an accident;
  - any felony involving a motor vehicle;
  - any serious traffic violations (15 mph or more over the posted speed limit, reckless driving, improper or erratic lane changing, following too closely, driving without the proper license or endorsements); or
  - any traffic violation arising in connection with a traffic accident.
- Has not had an accident in which s/he was at fault.

**What are the restrictions?** The seasonal farm CDL is valid for no more than 180 consecutive days in a 12-month period. The applicant designates the start of the seasonal period.

A seasonal farm CDL holder cannot operate CMVs beyond 150 miles from the place of business or the farm being served. Transportation of hazardous materials is strictly limited to:

- diesel fuel in quantities of 1,000 gallons or less;
- liquid fertilizers in vehicles with total capacities of 3,000 gallons or less; and
- solid fertilizers that are not mixed with any organic substance.

*No other placarded hazardous materials can be transported by holders of seasonal farm CDLs.*

For more information, please refer to Minnesota Statutes, section 171.02, subdivision 4; and Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, section 383.3 (f)

**Questions?** Email [drivers.licenses@state.mn.us](mailto:drivers.licenses@state.mn.us) or call 651/297-5029.