

Class “E” Driver’s License

New Mexico (NMSA – 66-5-7-B) and Federal (383.3) regulations require the issuance of a Class “E” License. The Class “E” License is an exemption license which is a Non-Commercial License and authorizes a driver to operate a vehicle that is in excess of 26,001 pounds. This license will be issued to the applicant with a Vehicle Certification Form (available at New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division Field Offices) which is completed and signed by the Fire Chief.

This Vehicle Certification Form serves as the following:

- Shows applicant is employed as a firefighter or and emergency vehicle operator
- Is medically exempt
- Waivered from a Required road skills Test under regular Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) requirements

Requirements for Issuance of a Class “E” License

First Time - Renewals – Replacements

- Have a current New Mexico Driver’s License
- Have a Vehicle Certification Form Completed and Signed by the Fire Chief

This Vehicle Certification Form, with the Applicant’s Driver’s License must be presented at the local Customer Service Center (MVD Field Office) for issuance of a Class “E” License.

It is the responsibility of the Fire Chief to:

- Insure that the applicant’s are both knowledgeable in the safe operations of their vehicles and are skills tested in the driving operations of their vehicles.
- Records of both must be maintained.
- Notify the CDL Administration Office, New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division of any changes in the status of their drivers.

Further questions about the Class “E” license can be directed to Al Sisneros, CDL Administration, 505-827-1036.