

### **281A.130 Requirements for issuance of license.**

- (1) A person shall not be issued a commercial driver's license unless that person:
  - (a) Is a resident of this state;
  - (b) Holds a valid operator's license;
  - (c) Has complied with the provisions of KRS 281A.300;
  - (d) Except as provided in KRS 281A.165, has passed the knowledge and skills tests for driving a commercial motor vehicle which comply with minimum federal standards established by federal regulation enumerated in 49 C.F.R. pt. 383, as adopted by the cabinet; and
  - (e) Has satisfied all other safety requirements including those requirements imposed by state law or federal regulation. The tests shall be prescribed and conducted as set forth in KRS 281A.160.
- (2) A commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit shall not be issued to a person while the person is subject to a disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle or while the person's driver's license or driving privilege is suspended, revoked, or canceled in any state or jurisdiction.
- (3) A commercial driver's license shall not be issued to a person who has a commercial driver's license issued by any other state unless the person first surrenders all such licenses, which shall be returned to the issuing jurisdiction for cancellation.
- (4) To ensure that an applicant for a commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit complies with the requirements of subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the Transportation Cabinet shall verify through the commercial driver's license information system and national driver register that the person applying for a Kentucky CDL does not currently have his or her operator's license or driving privilege suspended or revoked in another licensing jurisdiction. If the person's operator's license or driving privilege is currently suspended or revoked in another licensing jurisdiction, the Transportation Cabinet shall not issue the person a Kentucky CDL until the person resolves the matter in the other licensing jurisdiction and complies with the provisions of this chapter and KRS Chapter 186.

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