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INFORMATION BULLETIN



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MEXICAN DIGITAL COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to provide information regarding the Mexican digital commercial driver's license (CDL).

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance announced that, as of April 1, 2021, all Mexican CDL credentials will be produced in a digital format and the printing of such documents on plastic material has been discontinued. Traditional plastic CDLs remain valid until their expiration date.

Mexico's Ministry of Communication and Transportation implemented the federal digital driver's license (FDDL) program to allow license holders to download their FDDL to their mobile device or print a copy of their FDDL. The printed copy is valid for 30 days from the date of printing.

All FDDL classes are valid for four years, except class "E" which is valid for two years. The status of a driver's CDL and the new FDDL should always be verified electronically. Additional information regarding the FDDL can be found online at: https://www.cvsa.org/inspections/inspection-bulletins/.

A digital driver's license (DDL), also known as a mobile driver's license, is contained on an electronic device, such as a cell phone. The information on the DDL is connected to the issuing agency and may be updated when changes occur to the driving record. The DDL holder may choose which item of personal information to share when providing the DDL. For example, when having to provide proof of age, the DDL holder may choose only to share their age, keeping all other personal information safe. Additional information regarding the DDL can be found online at: https://www.aamva.org/Mobile-Drivers-License/.

Questions regarding this IB may be directed to Commercial Vehicle Section, at (916) 843-3400.

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