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CDL Test Waiver for Veterans

Drive skills test not required for some Veterans

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will waive the required drive skills test for select veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who had specific drive training and were truck drivers during their military service when they apply for an Indiana Commercial Driver's License (CDL). The Indiana Military CDL Skills Waiver Program will begin on November 12, 2012.

Under federal guidelines governing the issuance of CDLs, all applicants must pass a written knowledge test and a drive skills test. Under the new rules, the BMV may waive the skills test requirement for a veteran who completed an approved military driver training program and operated a truck as a regular duty. Using a form available on the myBMV.com website or at any BMV license branch, the applicant will need to document his/her military service and training. If the skills test waiver is approved, the applicant will only need to pass the Indiana CDL written test to receive his/her CDL.

If a veteran has not completed an approved military driver training program but can document that he/she has operated trucks in the military service, the BMV program requires the applicant to take both the IN CDL written knowledge and skills tests, but the fees for the skills test and the truck rental will be reimbursed if the applicant passes the tests.

R. Scott Waddell, Indiana BMV Commissioner commented, "We are very pleased to offer this special program for the men and women of our Armed Forces who have dedicated their lives to protecting our Nation and the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans. As these men and women either separate from the Armed Forces or continue to serve the Reserves or National Guard, and seek employment in civilian workforce, this program will assist them in finding jobs using their military skills and training."

He added, "The BMV staff worked with other government agencies and the trucking industry to develop a program that helps serve the needs of our veterans, while continuing our focus on public safety by assuring that only qualified drivers receive an Indiana CDL."

The Indiana Military CDL Waiver Program was developed with the assistance of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, the Indiana National Guard, the Motor Carrier Division of the Indiana State Police and the Indiana Motor Truck Association.

Additional information about the Military Waiver Program is available on the myBMV.com website or by calling the BMV at 888-692-6841.

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