

DMV REVISES TAXI AND LIMOUSINE “Z” ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Delaware law requires both taxicab and limousine operators to carry a taxicab and limousine operator “Z” endorsement on their driver license. *In order to receive the “Z” endorsement, effective May 25, 2018, the applicant must meet the following requirements:*

1. The applicant must be 18 years of age with one (1) year of driving experience.
2. The applicant’s driver license cannot have been suspended, revoked, or disqualified in this State or any other State for moving violations during the immediate preceding three (3) years.
3. Never have been convicted of any of the following crimes under the laws of this State or any other jurisdiction:
 - a. Any crime against a child;
 - b. Any crime constituting a class A or B felony;
 - c. Any crime constituting a felony homicide, including, but not limited to, murder, manslaughter and vehicular homicide; or
 - d. Any crime constituting a felony sexual offense;
4. Has not been convicted or pled guilty, within the last seven (7) years, to any of the following offenses, either under Delaware law or a substantially similar law of another state or of the United States:
 - a. Driving under the influence under Title 21 §4177, §4177J, §4177L, or §4177M of this title
 - b. Any crime constituting a felony offense, including any crime constituting a felony offense against public administration involving bribery, improper influence or abuse of office.
 - c. A hit and run offense under Chapter 42 of Title 21.
 - d. Driving over 100 mph.
 - e. Reckless driving under Title 21 §4175.

If all of the above qualifications are met, the applicant must complete the following:

1. Appear in person at one of the following State Bureau of Identification (SBI) locations to apply for a State and Federal background check:

Blue Hen Corporate Center Delaware State Police Troop
655 South Bay Road, Suite 1B 100 Lagrange Ave Dover, DE 19901 Newark, DE 19702
(302) 739-5871 (302) 739-2528 Appointment only

Thurman Adams State Service Center
546 S. Bedford Street, Room 202 Georgetown, DE 19947
302-739-2528 Appointment only

- a. Specify background check is for the taxicab and limousine, “Z”, endorsement. This process will take approximately 2 weeks.
 - b. Once the background checks are received, the applicant will receive a letter from Division of Motor Vehicles notifying the applicant of the results. This process will take approximately 2 - 4 weeks.
 - c. If approved, appear in person at the DMV.
2. The applicant must pass the Class D knowledge exam at the Division of Motor Vehicles.
3. Complete a defensive driving course (DDC) from an approved provider *within 30 days* prior to or after applying for a taxicab and limousine endorsement. If the applicant has met all the above requirements except a DDC, a 30-day temporary taxicab and limousine license may be issued. A second temporary license will not be issued. Once the applicant completes a DDC and the course has been electronically loaded by the defensive driving provider, a “Z” endorsement will be added to the applicant’s driver license.
4. The applicant must pay a \$3.45 fee.