
Objective

Outline the policy to ensure proper licensure of operators at the University of Michigan (U-M) according to State of Michigan law.

Policy

1. In order to operate a U-M vehicle, State of Michigan and federal guidelines require that the operator possess the appropriate vehicle operator license. This is in addition to the laws pertaining to vehicle use and function that are discussed in the operator licensing policy.
2. Federal guidelines and State of Michigan law require operators of the following vehicles to possess a Commercial Driver License (CDL) in the proper group with the proper endorsements for:
 - a. A single vehicle with the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more; Group A or B
 - b. A combination of vehicles having a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more, towing vehicles not more than a GVWR of 10,000 pounds; Group B
 - c. A vehicle towing another vehicle with a GVWR of over 10,000 pounds; Group A
 - d. A vehicle designed to carry 16 or more people (including the driver); Group B or C
 - e. A vehicle carrying hazardous materials in such quantities that placards are required. Group A, B or C
3. If you are driving a U-M vehicle that falls within the criteria outlined in item #2 points a-e, you are required to have in your possession at the time of operation a current, valid CDL with the proper endorsements and valid DOT medical card. The valid DOT medical card requirement is outlined in the medical certification policy.
4. Failure to possess a current valid DOT medical card and CDL with proper endorsements will result in fines if you are pulled over by police. Any fines assessed will be the responsibility of the operator.
5. Operators can obtain a CDL license at the State of Michigan Secretary of State. The operator will be required to pass written and driving tests in order to obtain a CDL.
6. The cost of obtaining and maintaining a CDL license is a personal expense and the responsibility of each operator.
7. If you need assistance in determining proper licensing requirements, determining what group and endorsements you need or have further questions, contact Fleet Services at (734) 764-3427.