

Driver License Hazardous Material Endorsement Requirement

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The Department and UFLAC are currently working together to replace Departmental Bulletin 10-05 which outlines the Department's current driver license policy. Until the new driver license policy is finalized, effective immediately, the Department will no longer require a Hazardous Material Endorsement or Tank Endorsement if the affected member has a valid Firefighter Endorsement on his/her driver license. Members who currently have, or add the Firefighter Endorsement will no longer be required to maintain the Hazardous Materials Endorsement and will not be required to complete the TSA "Live Scan" fingerprinting process. If your current California driver license shows "Restriction:50" on the reverse, you have the Firefighter Endorsement. The Firefighter Endorsement does not require retesting with each renewal, but you show your Firefighter Endorsement Card (DL-88).

In January 2011, the DMV discontinued issuing the Non-Commercial Class B Firefighter Restricted driver license. In its place the DMV created the Firefighter Endorsement (RSTR 50). The Firefighter Endorsement introduced in January 2011 was automatically added to all Non-Commercial Class B Firefighter Restricted Class B license holders' records. Additionally, all Los Angeles Fire Department Commercial drivers who completed the required written test at their place of assignment in early 2011 had their driving record updated to reflect the new Firefighter Endorsement. These Commercial drivers were issued a Firefighter Endorsement Card (DL-88). These members are required to provide the DL-88 card as proof when renewing their commercial license, in order to have the endorsement applied to their new license.

Members can refer to the DMV website or the link below to read about the requirements for the Firefighter Endorsement (Google "FFDL42").

https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/?1dmy&urile=wcm:path:/dmv_content_en/dmv/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffdl42

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