



Frequently Asked Questions about your HAZMAT Endorsement

What do I need to get my HAZMAT endorsement?

You'll need a valid, current CDL or CDL permit, proof of legal status and proof of identity. Proof of legal status means you must be either a U.S. citizen, a natural, lawful permanent resident, a naturalized citizen or a nonimmigrant alien, asylee or refugee who is in lawful status and possesses a valid, unrestricted document establishing eligibility for employment. Proof of identity means a U.S. passport, a birth certificate, a certificate of birth abroad issued by the U.S. Department of State, a certificate of naturalization or a certificate of U.S. Citizenship.

What will disqualify me from obtaining a HAZMAT endorsement?

You cannot have a disqualifying criminal offense, adjudicated as mentally incompetent or involuntarily committed to a mental institution. Additionally you cannot pose a threat to national or transportation security.

What is a "disqualifying criminal offense"?

The Transportation Security Administration has a list of disqualifying crimes that pose a potential threat to the nation's transportation network. The list is comparable to assessment standards applied to airport and airline employees. The list is extensive, but you can review the list by going to www.tThesa.gov, go to "what we do" and click on "Layers of Security". Then click on "Hazmat Endorsement Threat Assessment Program" and you'll be given a menu of information about obtaining a HAZMAT endorsement.

Will the TSA notify the carrier I'm leased to that I can't get a HAZMAT endorsement? Will they tell me why?

TSA notifies you of the initial finding of a disqualifying event and you are given an opportunity to respond. There may be an opportunity for you to appeal the finding or apply for a waiver. If TSA makes a final determination that you pose a security threat, it will direct the state to revoke your HAZMAT endorsement. They will not notify your carrier or tell them why you are disqualified.

How often do I have to do the threat assessment?

The TSA security threat assessment is valid for up to five years. CDL and HAZMAT endorsements are renewed based on a cycle determined by each state and a state may choose to require a renewal cycle of less than five years.

Why should you Get and Keep your HAZMAT Endorsement?

- **You have options for a better selection of freight.**
- **The HAZMAT load offered to you may be the one that gets you home!**
- **You'll get an additional \$ 25.00 each time you pull a HAZMAT load.**
- **The HAZMAT load you're offered may get you from an area with sparse freight to an area with lots of freight!**

How can you find out more about obtaining a HAZMAT endorsement?

- **The study guide can be accessed by clicking on "Hazmat Manual" on this website.**
- **You may also go to the website for the state in which you hold a CDL and search for information.**
- **The Safety Department at Eagan, Dallas, Buford and Sellersburg can furnish you a study guide.**