

Obtaining a Hazardous Materials Endorsement

To obtain your Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) you will need to:

1. File an application with TSA by applying online at <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/> or by calling 855-347-8371. This MUST be done prior to fingerprinting.
2. Appear at an approved fingerprint location with a completed TSA hazmat application. Fingerprints, application and fees may be processed at any TSA contracted office throughout the country. A list of contracted offices is available online or by calling.
3. Your results will be mailed to you from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). You may track your application online or by calling. You may then appear at your local Driver License office to start the application and knowledge testing for a Hazardous Materials Endorsement.

If you started the application and testing with Driver License prior to submitting your fingerprints, you must return to the same office to complete the license.
4. The Utah Driver License Division will be notified electronically of your Hazmat assessment results.
5. If your TSA application is denied, and you have already applied at Driver License you must return to the office and cancel the application for Hazmat Endorsement. If no other testing is required and all licensing requirements are met a new license will be created and mailed to you. (Please note, all Driver License fees are Non-Refundable.)

Hazmat Information Letter

The Federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation have issued rules to secure the transport of hazardous materials, including explosives. The rules require background checks on commercial drivers certified to transport hazardous materials. (Hazmat) The background check process includes the collection of an individual's fingerprints and verification of United States Citizenship, immigration eligibility or permanent legal presence in the United States.

Under current federal regulations, States are required to implement the fingerprinting and background check requirements effective January 31, 2005 for new applicants and no later than May 31, 2005 for renewal and State-to-State transfer applicants. After the implementation deadlines, no CDL with a hazmat endorsement may be issued unless the applicant has first undergone the security background check and obtained clearance from the Transportation Security Administration.

State motor vehicles agencies must notify CDL holders with the hazmat endorsement of the new requirements. Renewal application must be filed no later than 45 days prior to license expiration, to allow time for the background check to be completed. This letter is intended to serve as notification of these requirements.

Individuals who currently have a CDL with a hazmat endorsement, who do not meet the qualification requirements described in this notification are required to immediately surrender the CDL (with hazmat endorsement) to a State Driver Licensing Office. If otherwise qualified and all applicable fees are paid, the applicant may be reissued a CDL without a hazmat endorsement.

Additional information is available at the TSA website at

<http://www.tsa.gov/stakeholders/hazmat-endorsement-threat-assessment-program>

Upon receiving this notification please begin the process as soon as possible to give yourself sufficient time to complete the security threat assessment before your license expires. You will need to contract a TSA contractor at 855-347-8371 or visit <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/> to locate an office that can assist you in your TSA threat assessment procedures.