

DRIVERS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR RV VARY GREATLY AMONG STATES & PROVINCES.

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RV Driver's License Requirements

Individuals operating large recreational vehicles often ask if a special driver's license is required. Because driver's licenses are issued by each state the rules vary. We have researched RV driver's license requirements for all fifty states and provinces of Canada and compiled the summary below. Our primary source of information were the official driver's license web sites for each jurisdiction. In cases of insufficient or conflicting information, we contacted the appropriate departments to confirm.

Special Drivers Licenses

Some people may wonder if they have to get a Commercial Driver's License. Rules for U.S. Commercial Drivers Licenses are administered by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Although this federal administration sets minimum rules that apply to each state, but states and provinces have the right to set more strict rules. RV's used strictly for recreational and other non-commercial functions do not meet the FMCSA definition of a CMV. This does not mean that there are not more strict rules, and even special drivers licenses for operators of RVs. Be sure to thoroughly understand the requirements of each state you plan on visiting. In some circumstances you will need to understand the different classifications for motor vehicles, which may impact what type of special license you may need. These classifications are based on the weight and length of your vehicle. Larger and longer vehicles in some cases require that operators have an appropriate class license based on the class of the vehicle.

Many states have special requirements if you drive a vehicle with over 26,000 gvwr. If you live in one of those states and drive one and don't have a class B you could get into a lot of trouble. If you have an accident and you do not have the proper license for the vehicle you are driving the insurance company can deny the claim. You are also in violation of the law and could either get fined, go to jail or get sued. The commercial aspect has nothing to do with it. You need to carefully check the laws of your state and get the proper license if that is what is required. I recommend a written response from the DMV. That should eliminate any question of what is required and the insurance company would have a hard time disputing what the DMV has "officially" stated in writing.

State	Comments
AK	Class D License is required. www.doa.alaska.gov/dmv
AL	http://www.alea.gov/Home/wfContent.aspx?ID=30&PLH1=plhDriverLicense-ClassesEndorsementsRestrictions
AR	Driver's license manual states that a Class D license is valid up to 26,000 lb GVWR. We confirmed by phone that the Class D license is valid for <u>all</u> RV's. http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/dlmanual/dlman.pdf
AZ	Driver's license and CDL manuals imply that a CDL is required above 26,000 lb GVWR. However, A.R.S. 28-3102 exempts RV's from CDL requirement. http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/driver-services
CA	<u>Travel Trailer/Fifth Wheel</u> (Noncommercial Class A) Over 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or over 10,000 pounds GVWR, when the towing is not for compensation. <u>Motorhome</u> (Noncommercial Class B) Over 40 feet, but not over 45 feet, with endorsement http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/?1dmy&urle=wcm:path:/dmv_content_en/dmv/pubs/brochures/fast_facts/ffd105
CO	https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dmv/cdl-general-information
CT	<u>Class 1</u> : Any non-commercial motor vehicle. <u>Class 2</u> : Any non-commercial motor vehicle, including a combination of motor vehicle and trailer or trailing unit used exclusively for camping or any other recreational purpose. http://drivinglaws.aaa.com/laws/types-of-drivers-licenses/
DC	Must be over the age of 21 to drive or tow any type of recreational vehicle. http://dmv.dc.gov/node/62412
DE	http://www.dmv.de.gov/services/driver_services/driver_svcs.shtml
FL	Driver's license manual states that a Class E license is valid up to 26,000 lb GVWR. However, Florida statute 322.53(2)(d) exempts all RV's from CDL requirement, regardless of weight. http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us/html/dlnew.html
GA	Any resident not required to possess a commercial driver's license but operates a Class A or B motor vehicle for the purposes listed in conditions/restrictions must obtain a non-commercial Class E or F driver's license. http://www.dds.ga.gov/drivers/dldata.aspx?con=1747971758&ty=dl
HI	<u>Category (3)</u> permits operation of passenger cars of any GVWR, buses designed to carry 15 or fewer passengers, and trucks or vans with a GVWR of 18,000 lbs. or less. <u>Category (4)</u> permits operation of any category (3) vehicle and any non-commercial vehicle having a GVWR of between

	18,001 and 26,000 lbs. http://drivinglaws.aaa.com/laws/types-of-drivers-licenses/
IA	http://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/driverslicense/descriptions.html#C
ID	No driver's license restrictions but need to purchase a recreational vehicle sticker. http://www.dmv.org/id-idaho/other-types-of-vehicles.php#Recreational-Vehicles
IL	Class D — Any motor vehicle with a GVWR of 16,000 pounds or less, except those vehicles requiring a Class A, B or C driver's license or an L or M motorcycle license. Illinois waives CDL requirements for drivers of a recreational vehicle that is operated primarily as family/personal conveyance for recreational purposes. This includes motor homes and travel trailers. http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a112.pdf
IN	A CDL License is not required for drivers of recreational vehicles. http://www.in.gov/dor/4396.htm
KS	Non-Commercial Licenses: Class A: Motor vehicles including any combination of vehicles with a GVWR over 26,000 lbs., provided the GVWR of the vehicle or vehicles being towed exceeds 10,000 lbs. Class B: Motor vehicles including any single vehicle with a GVWR over 26,000 lbs., or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVWR. Class B vehicles do not include vehicles registered as farm trucks in excess of 26,000 lbs. GVWR. Class C: Motor vehicles including any single vehicle 26,000 lbs. GVWR or less, any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVWR, or any vehicle with a GVWR of 26,000 lbs. or less towing a vehicle in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVWR, or any single vehicle registered as a farm truck with a GVWR exceeding 26,000 lbs. http://drivinglaws.aaa.com/laws/types-of-drivers-licenses/
KY	There are no special requirements for an RV license. http://transportation.ky.gov/Driver-Licensing/Pages/Driver-License-ID-Card-General-Information.aspx
LA	Class D Chauffeur's License holder can drive any vehicle within Class E plus any single motor vehicle used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) between 10,001 lbs. and 26,000 lbs. This class does not allow a person to transport hazardous material as outlined in the Federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. Class E Driver's License (personal vehicle) holder can drive any single motor vehicle under 10,001 lbs. GVWR or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVWR. This class does not allow a person to transport hazardous materials. http://drivinglaws.aaa.com/laws/types-of-drivers-licenses/
MA	Driver's license manual states that a Class D license is valid up to 26,000 lb registered weight. We confirmed by phone that the Class D license is valid for all RV's. http://www.massrmv.com/rmv/license/2diflic.htm
MD	If a trailer is towed by a Class E truck, it must have a GVW of 20,000 lbs. or less; If a trailer is towed by a Class A passenger vehicle or a Class M multipurpose vehicle, it must have a GVW of 10,000 lbs. or less; Class A and Class M vehicles may only tow the following: boat trailers; camping trailers; travel trailers; house trailers; or utility trailers. http://www.mva.maryland.gov/drivers/apply/license-class-codes.htm
ME	www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/29/250/250c162.doc
MI	Group R licenses authorize holders to drive a pick-up truck equipped with a fifth-wheel assembly with an attached semitrailer designed for recreational living purposes or towing an additional trailer. http://www.michigan.gov/sos
MN	A Class D license holder can drive the following vehicles: (1) all farm trucks operated by the owner, an immediate family member of the owner, or an employee of the owner within 150 miles of the farm; (2) an authorized emergency vehicle; (3) recreational equipment that is operated for personal use; (4) all single vehicles except vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of more than 26,000 lbs., vehicles designed to carry more than 15 passengers including the driver, and vehicles that carry hazardous materials. The holder of a Class D license may also tow vehicles if: the towed vehicle(s) has a GVW of 10,000 lbs. or less; or (2) the combination of vehicles has a GVW of 26,000 lbs. or less. https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages/default.aspx
MO	Class F: Class F licenses are for non-commercial vehicles including recreational vehicles being used solely for personal use. An applicant must be 18 years of age. http://dor.mo.gov
MS	Class R: Regular Operator License www.dps.state.ms.us
MT	A Class D basic driver license allows you to drive any non-commercial vehicle under 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight. In order to obtain your license, you need to pass the vision, knowledge, and road tests. You may not have to test if you hold a valid license from another jurisdiction. https://media.dojmt.gov/wp-content/uploads/MT-Driver-Manual-Jan-2015_Web.pdf
NC	Above 26,000 lb GVWR or GCWR requires non-commercial Class A or B http://www.dmv.org/nc-north-carolina/apply-license.php#Types-of-North-Carolina-Drivers-Licenses
ND	Class D: Any single vehicle less than 26,001 pounds GVWR; may tow vehicles not in excess of 10,000 pounds. Trucks towing trailers in excess of 10,000 pounds, provided the combined weight does not exceed 26,000 Gross Combination Weight Rating. https://www.dot.nd.gov/divisions/driverslicense/dlclass.htm

NE	Recreational vehicles are exempt from having to obtain a CDL. http://www.dmv.nebraska.gov/examining/pdf/2014cdlmanualpdfforwebsite.pdf
NH	Driver's license manual states that a Class D license is valid up to 26,000 lb GVW. We confirmed by phone that the Class D license is valid for <u>all</u> RV's. http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/dmv/driver-licensing/apply/classifications.htm
NJ	Basic automobile drivers license. http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Licenses/index.htm
NM	if you drive a motor home weighing less than 26,000 lbs, there are no special license provisions. If your motor home weighs more than 26,001 lbs, you need to have a class "E" endorsement on your license. To get that, fill out NM MVD form MVD-10414 (available on line), take it to a MVD office and pay for a new licence with the "E" endorsement. No testing is required. It simple affirms that the vehicle you are driving is not used for commercial purposes. http://www.newmexico.gov/tax/mvd/mvd_home.htm
NV	The vehicles in the non-commercial classification are generally vehicles that are used for recreational purposes, or may include certain rental vehicles that meet the criteria of the below license classifications. <i>Non-Commercial Vehicle Classifications</i> Class A May drive any combination of motor vehicle with a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the vehicle being towed has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 pounds; or Any combination of vehicles not exceeding 70 feet in length with a gross combination weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less so long as the gross combination weight rating of the towed vehicles does not exceed the gross vehicle weight rating of the towing vehicle; and Class B May drive any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle weighing less than 10,000 pounds GVWR. Class C May drive any single vehicle or combination of vehicle that does not meet the definition of Class A or Class B. May include a moped or a tri-mobile. <i>Non-Commercial Vehicle Endorsements</i> R May tow a combination of vehicles that weight less than 10,000 pounds. J May tow a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds. http://www.dmvnv.com/nvdl.htm#rv
NY	A driver with a Class D license can now operate a personal use vehicle (for example a rental vehicle or a recreational vehicle or RV) with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,000 lbs. or less that tows another vehicle that has a GVWR of 10,000 lbs. or more, but the gross combined weight rating (GCWR) of the two vehicles together must be 26,000 lbs. or less. An "R" endorsement (Class D or Class E license) to operate a recreational vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. is required. http://dmv.ny.gov/commercial-drivers/elimination-non-cdl-class-c-license
OH	Recreational vehicle" includes every vehicle that is defined as a recreational vehicle in Ohio Revised Code, Section 4501.01, and is used exclusively for purposes other than engaging in business or profit and is exempt from obtaining a CDL. http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/driver_license.stm
OK	Most Oklahoma vehicles are registered the same way as standard cars and trucks—this includes <u>ATVs, RVs, and motorhomes</u> . For the sole purpose of the classification of vehicles as provided in Sections 1-107.1 through 1-107.4 of this title, a recreational vehicle shall be deemed to be a Class D motor vehicle, provided such vehicle is a self-propelled or towed vehicle that is equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel purposes and is used solely as a family or personal conveyance. http://www.dmv.org/ok-oklahoma/apply-license.php
OR	A <i>Class C driver license</i> allows a person who is at least 18 years old to drive: A car or any single vehicle (mopeds, passenger cars, vans, pickups, and panels) with a loaded weight of not more than 26,000 pounds or a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of not more than 26,000 pounds that is exempt from CDL or motorcycle requirements. A recreational vehicle —including motor homes, campers, and travel trailers—for personal use.. http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/classes.aspx
PA	Above 26,000 lb GVWR or GCWR requires non-commercial Class A or B (See Nevada). In PA, not only do you need a "non-commercial" class B license, but you must pass the same test as truckers have to if your RV has air brakes. http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/
RI	According to DL officials, above 26,000 lb GVWR or GCWR requires <u>commercial</u> Class A or B. However, RI statute 31-10.3-16 (5) specifically exempts RV's. http://www.dmv.org/ri-rhode-island/special-licenses.php
SC	A class E driver license allows you to operate a non-commercial truck or motor home with gross vehicle weight (GVW) more than 26,000 lbs. A class F driver license allows you to operate a non-commercial truck or motor home with a towed unit with combined gross vehicle weight (GVW) more than 26,000 lbs. To obtain a Class E or F driver license, you must pass a knowledge test, an off-road maneuvers (basic skills) test, and an on-road test. http://www.scdmnonline.com/DMVNew/default.aspx?n=Class_E_and_F_Licenses
SD	South Dakota does not require a special license for heavy RVs. http://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/basic_licensing_info.aspx
TN	Class D: Any single vehicle less than 26,001 pounds GVWR; may tow vehicles not in excess of 10,000 pounds. Trucks towing trailers in excess of 10,000 pounds, provided the combined weight does not exceed 26,000 Gross Combination

	Weight Rating. Recreational Vehicles are exempt from CDL. https://www.tn.gov/sos/rules/1340/1340-01/1340-01-13.pdf
TX	Above 26,000 lb GVWR or GCWR (while towing>10,000 lb) requires non-commercial Class A or B https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/dlClasses.htm
UT	The regular Utah drivers license is good for non-commercial use of an RV. Also see the License Class section in the Utah Investigators Vehicle Crash Report Instruction Manual. http://dld.utah.gov/
VA	If a vehicle is being driven/towed for recreational purposes, like an RV, etc than all that's required is a regular class D license. Email from CDL Supervisor VA DMV
VT	Class D: A non-commercial operator's license, which permits the operation of any vehicle except a motorcycle, a school bus, or commercial Class A, B, or C vehicle. http://drivinglaws.aaa.com/category/us-motor-laws/vermont/
WA	A driver's license allows you to operate any vehicle or small truck less than 26,001 pounds that is exempt from commercial driver's license (CDL) requirements. https://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/dmv39g.pdf
WI	Class D: Permits operation of any motor vehicle not under CDL. RV exemption in CDL manual: "motor home, fifth wheel mobile home,... provided it isn't longer than 45 feet " http://drivinglaws.aaa.com/laws/types-of-drivers-licenses/
WV	Class E — Any motor vehicle with a GVWR of 16,000 pounds or less, except those vehicles requiring a Class A, B or C driver's license or an L or M motorcycle license. http://drivinglaws.aaa.com/category/us-motor-laws/west-virginia/

Canada regulations are not much different than those in the US. If you hold an out-of-country driver's license and are legal where the license is issued, you are allowed to operate the same vehicle on Canadian roads.

In Canada, provincial/territorial licensing regulations are modeled on the guidelines set out in the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators (CCMTA) National Safety Code (NSC) that is supported by four standards. All Canadian licensed drivers must meet these requirements prior to being eligible to operate a commercial vehicle, and are required to carry a driver's license that is valid for the vehicle and conditions under which it is operated.

To find more details on each Province, please go to:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/docs/Canadian%20Driver's%20Licence%20Reference%20Guide%20Revised%202015.pdf>

Province	Comments
AB	CLASS 5 LICENCE is needed to operate a two axle single motor vehicle (excluding motorcycle), a recreational vehicle with not more than three axles, a two axle motor vehicle or a two axle recreational motor vehicle pulling a trailer with 1 or more axles (not equipped with air brakes), or a three axle recreational motor vehicle pulling a trailer with not more than 2 axles, where the trailer is not equipped with air brakes. Also a moped, an off highway vehicle, or a mobile mounted oil or gas well service rig (or an associated vehicle) if its registered owner has a subsisting permit that authorizes the operation of that type of motor vehicle.
BC	Class 5 License includes 2 axle vehicles including cars, vans, trucks and tow trucks; Trailers or towed vehicles may not exceed 4,600 kg; Motor homes (including those with more than 2 axles).
MB	CLASS 3 LICENCE: Authorized to operate trucks with more than 2 axles, including any combination of vehicles, OR a truck with 2 axles towing a vehicle with a registered gross vehicle weight of more than 4,540 kg (but does not include a semi-trailer truck). CLASS 5 LICENCE: Authorized to operate passenger cars, a bus while not carrying passengers, trucks with 2 axles, and any combination of vehicles consisting of a truck with 2 axles and a towed vehicle with a registered gross vehicle weight of UP TO 4,540 kg. AIR BRAKE ENDORSEMENT: Permits the holder to drive vehicles equipped with air brakes.
NB	Class 5 License: The holder of a Class 5 may drive any 2 axle vehicle 3 axle motorhome, and to tow a trailer up to 4,500 kg gross mass. Class 3 License: All vehicles in Class 5 plus any 2 or 3 axled vehicle towing a vehicle registered over 4,500 kg gross not equipped with air brakes.
NL	Class 5 License: Permits the holder to operate all motor vehicles with not more than 2 axles; combination of vehicles where the towed vehicle does not exceed 4,500 kg in weight; buses, taxis and ambulances while not carrying passengers; self-propelled motor homes with 2 or more axles. If towed vehicle is in excess of 4,500 kg, a restriction will be included on the driver license.
NT	CLASS 5 VEHICLES: Two axle vehicle other than a motorcycle, bus, taxi-cab or ambulance; any combination of two axle towing vehicle and towed vehicles and towed vehicle do not exceed gvw of 4500 kg.; a recreational vehicle (motorhome); CLASS 3 VEHICLE: Permits operation of a single vehicle with 3 or more axles; any combination of vehicles where the towed vehicles in the combination do not exceed 4,500 kg; any combination of vehicles without air brakes where the towed

	<p>vehicles exceed 4,500 kg;</p> <p>NOTE: The operation of a vehicle equipped with air brakes is not allowed unless specifically permitted in licence.</p>
NS	<p>CLASS 5 VEHICLES: Any single vehicle not exceeding 14,000 kg (30,864 lbs) GVW Any combination of vehicles (other than semi-trailer or tractor-trailer combinations) not exceeding a GVW of 14,000 kg in the combination and the towed vehicle(s) in the combination not exceeding 4,500 kg (10,000 lbs) GVW</p> <p>CLASS 3 VEHICLES: Any single vehicle over 14,000 kg (30,864 lbs) GVW Any combination of vehicles (other than semi-trailer or tractor-trailer combination over 14,000 kg GVW) where the towed vehicle in the combination does not exceed 4,500 kg (10,000 lbs) GVW.</p> <p>03 Valid for Vehicle Equipped with Air Brakes. While this “endorsement” is actually considered a “condition” in our present system, it is more accurately described as an endorsement to the driver’s license. In order to get this endorsement, a client must hold a valid Class 1-6 license and successfully complete a written air brakes knowledge test. Towing a trailer in excess of 4500 kg with a Class 2, 3, 4 or 5 driver's license requires a driver to pass a road test in the vehicle combination and be issued a license with a Condition 15 “Valid for Towing Trailer Over 4500 kg”.</p>
NU	<p>CLASS 5 VEHICLES: Passenger cars, a truck with not more than two axles, and any combination of vehicles consisting of a truck with not more than two axles and a towed vehicle with a registered gross weight of not more than 4,500 kgs.</p> <p>CLASS 3 VEHICLE: Trucks with more than two axles, including any combination of vehicles or trucks with not more than two axles towing a vehicle with a registered gross weight of more than 4,500 kg but does not include a semi-trailer truck. All vehicles with air brakes (Q) endorsement required.</p>
ON	<p>CLASS A: Any combination of motor vehicle and towed vehicle where towed vehicle exceeds 4,600 kg, but not a bus carrying passengers.</p> <p>CLASS G: Any automobile, small truck or combination of vehicles that do not weigh or have a registered gross weight of over 11,000 kg provided the towed vehicle does not weigh more than 4,600 kg. This does not include a motorcycle, a bus carrying passengers or an ambulance in the course of providing ambulance service.</p> <p>NOTES: A pick-up truck towing a 2 axle house trailer by a fifth wheel will be deemed a Class G vehicle provided the combined gross weight is not in excess of 11,000 kg. A pick-up truck towing a house trailer equipped with a fifth wheel where the house trailer exceeds 4,600 kg but the total combined weight of the pick-up truck and house trailer does not exceed 11,000 kg is deemed a Class G vehicle provided the trailer is being towed for personal purposes without compensation and the pick-up truck and trailer are not equipped with air brakes.</p>
PE	<p>Class 5: Any automobile, small truck or combination up to 14,000 kg provided towed vehicle is not over 4,500 kg. Minimum age is 17.</p> <p>Class 3: Any truck over 14,000 kg or combination, including special equipment or gooseneck trailer. Minimum age is 19.</p>
QC	An “F” endorsement is required to drive vehicles equipped with an air braking system.
SK	<p>Class 5: A road vehicle having 2 axles with net weight of under 4,500 kg; a motorhome; mobile equipment or service vehicle.</p> <p>Class 1 or “G” endorsement required when towing any trailer(s) over 4,600 kg</p> <p>An “A” endorsement is required to drive vehicles equipped with an air braking system. Drivers driving vehicles with two or three axles and equipped with air brakes registered in Class F do not require an air brake endorsement.</p>
YT	<p>Class 5: A two-axle, single-motor vehicle that does not exceed 11,000 kg gross weight. May operate a motorcycle with an engine displacement of less than 50cc. A two-axle motor vehicle towing a trailer with one or more axles, provided the GVW of the trailer does not exceed 4550 kg.</p> <p>Endorsement Code “15” required for vehicles with air brakes.</p> <p>Endorsement Code “57” required for heavy RV’s (over 11,000 kg)</p>

Disclaimer: This is a summary and may not be completely accurate. Please refer to the driver's license documentation or statutes for each state.