



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 94
[2013 Senate Bill 240]

**Knowledge Tests for
CDL Applicants who hold a
Military CDL**

Under prior law, veterans holding a military commercial driver license (CDL) were able to convert it to a Wisconsin CDL without taking the knowledge and skills tests that other applicants must take. This is similar to how Wisconsin treats the application of a person holding a CDL from another jurisdiction.

To comply with federal law, the Act requires a person holding a military CDL to take applicable knowledge tests to obtain a Wisconsin CDL, unless the applicant is exempt from, or eligible for a waiver of, the knowledge tests under federal law.

Effective date and initial applicability: The Act took effect on December 15, 2013 and first applies to applications for commercial driver licenses received by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation on that date.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.