

# Hazardous Materials Endorsements

The United States Transportation Security Administration (TSA) implemented the program to meet the requirements of the USA Patriot Act, which prohibits states from issuing a hazardous materials endorsement (HME) on a commercial driver's license (CDL) until TSA determines whether or not the applicant poses a security risk.

HME applicants must submit fingerprints to the TSA so that the TSA can conduct a security threat assessment. A security threat assessment includes a fingerprint based FBI criminal history records check, a security related check, and a final disposition.

## Who needs an HME?

Anyone who transports materials found to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and that require the motor vehicle to be placarded under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, parts 100-185.

## How do I get an HME?

You must have or qualify for a CDL. See the Minnesota Commercial Driver's Manual for more information.

1. Take and pass the HME knowledge test at a driver exam station.
2. Apply for or renew the CDL at a full service exam station or driver's license renewal office.
3. Complete a Security Threat Assessment application online at <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov> or by calling toll free at 1-877-429-7746.
4. Submit your fingerprints at an authorized collection site. You must show identification from the list of acceptable enrollment documents found on the [TSA website](#).

## Security Threat Assessment Application

TSA application fee: \$86.50

You must complete a Security Threat Assessment Application before submitting your fingerprints at an authorized collection site. Online visit the TSA HazMat website at: <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov> . By phone call toll free 1-877-HAZ-PRINT (1-877-429-7746)

## Fingerprint Collection Sites

For collection sites, call toll free: 1-877-429-7746 or visit [universalenroll.dhs.gov/locator](https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/locator)

## Overview

- **New** - Drivers who are adding an HME to their license must apply to and be cleared by TSA before transporting placarded loads of hazardous materials.
- **Transfer** - New residents who are transferring an HME from another state must apply to DVS and TSA within 30 days of taking residence.
- **Upgrade** - Drivers who are upgrading to a higher class CDL must apply to and be cleared by TSA before the new CDL can be issued.

- **Renewal** - Drivers who are renewing a CDL with an HME must be fingerprinted at least 30 days before the CDL expires.

**Need more information?**

Visit DVS at [dvs.dps.mn.gov](https://dvs.dps.mn.gov) or call 651-297-5029

Visit TSA HazMat at [www.hazprints.com](https://www.hazprints.com) or call 1-877-429-7746

*The TSA is responsible for the screening and the approval or rejection of each background check.*

*You will be notified by TSA if you are ineligible for a HazMat endorsement.*

*For more information regarding disqualifying offenses and the appeal process, visit the TSA website at [www.tsa.gov](https://www.tsa.gov)*