



NON-DOMICILED CDL STATUS UPDATE

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California to Revoke ~17,000 CDLs on March 6, 2026

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will revoke approximately 17,000 non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) on Friday, March 6, 2026. This action is required due to a federal audit that found the state had improperly issued certain non-domiciled CDLs under state law. Affected non-domiciled CDL holders include drivers whose license expires after their legal presence documents expire.

Affected non-domiciled commercial learner's permit (CLP) or CDL holders received letters explaining one of the following:

- Non-domiciled CLPs and pending non-domiciled CDL applications will be cancelled.
- Non-domiciled CDLs issued out of compliance with state law and federal regulations at the time of issuance will be cancelled.
- Valid/unexpired non-domiciled CDLs issued in compliance with state law and federal regulations at the time of issuance will remain valid until the expiration date.

Any driver whose CDL is cancelled will also lose their basic driver's license privileges. Affected drivers can:

- Visit a field office between now and the deadline to voluntarily downgrade their CDL to a basic driver's license
- Visit a DMV field office to reinstate a basic driver's license after the cancellation deadline

Motor carriers enrolled in the Employer Pull Notice (EPN) program will automatically receive a notice if a driver's CDL is revoked. At this time, it is unclear when the DMV will begin reissuing non-domiciled CDLs and which legal presence document type will be acceptable due to ongoing legal proceedings.

The situation remains fluid and CTA will notify members of any changes as information becomes available.

For more information visit, DMV's [CDL webpage](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nick Chiappe at nchiappe@caltrux.org.