



COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CDLIS)

Description: CDLIS is a nationwide electronic platform that enables state driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) to ensure that each commercial driver has only one driver’s license and one complete driver record. State driver licensing agencies use CDLIS to complete various procedures including:

- Transmitting out-of-state convictions and withdrawals
- Transferring the driver record when a commercial driver's license holder moves to another state
- Responding to requests for driver status and history

CDLIS was established under the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act (CMVSA) of 1986 and is based on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) in 49 CFR 383 and 384.

For further information about CDLIS, see <http://www.aamva.org/CDLIS/>.

Architecture: CDLIS is a distributed system composed of the 51 U.S. Jurisdictions’ Driver License systems and a Central Site that serves as an index to indicate the Jurisdiction in which each individual is licensed. The Central Site contains the minimum information necessary (name, date of birth [DOB], and last five Social Security Numbers [SSN]) to “point” the query to the Jurisdiction of record. The Jurisdiction of record keeps the full driver history for each of their drivers. In other words, the actual driver license information and record lives on the respective state system, and CDLIS is used by states to find which state to send information to and then to transmit the information.

Operations: AAMVA has been the operator of the CDLIS system under a cooperative agreement with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) since 1989.

Ownership: SDLAs own the data at the Central Site. AAMVA owns CDLIS.

Authorized Users:

User	Access	Purpose
Jurisdictions	yes	All 51 U.S. SDLAs have full access to the system and can query, add, modify and delete CDLIS Central Site information.
Federal Agencies	yes	FMCSA (and Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program officers) have full read access to CDLIS, including the CDLIS Central Site, as well as the full driver history records on the U.S. Jurisdiction systems for CDLIS compliance and road side enforcement.
Third Parties	yes	Employers of commercial drivers have access (via approved third party providers) to the CDLIS Central Site information to perform background checks. Prospective employers query the system to obtain the list of Jurisdictions and driver license numbers where the driver is, or was, licensed.
Public	no	n/a