

REFERENCE TITLE: commercial driver license; English proficiency

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-seventh Legislature
Second Regular Session
2026

HB 2443

Introduced by
Representatives Lopez: Biasiucci, Carbone, Marshall, Martinez, Montenegro,
Nguyen, Way, Wilmeth; Senator Finchem

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-3223, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO COMMERCIAL
DRIVER LICENSES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-3223, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-3223. Original applicant; requirements; expiration;
5 renewal examination

6 A. In addition to the requirements applicable to all driver license
7 applicants, an original applicant for a class A, B or C license is subject
8 to the following requirements:

9 1. The applicant shall submit evidence of compliance with medical
10 standards and requirements that the department adopts by rule.

11 2. The applicant must have held a driver license for at least one
12 year either in this state, any other state or a foreign country.

13 3. The applicant shall take additional knowledge examinations to
14 demonstrate understanding of the following:

15 (a) Safety operation rules.

16 (b) Commercial motor vehicle safety control systems.

17 (c) Safe vehicle control.

18 (d) The relationship of cargo to vehicle control.

19 (e) Basic hazardous materials knowledge.

20 (f) The objectives and proper procedures for performing vehicle
21 safety inspections.

22 (g) Air brake systems.

23 (h) Legal requirements for size, weight and vehicle configurations.

24 (i) Emergency procedures.

25 (j) **ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. THE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION MUST**
26 **INCLUDE COMPONENTS OF READING, SPEAKING, WRITING AND LISTENING.**

27 4. In addition to the other requirements of this section, an
28 applicant for a class A driver license shall demonstrate a knowledge and
29 understanding of:

30 (a) Vehicle coupling and uncoupling.

31 (b) Unique combination vehicle inspections.

32 5. The applicant shall take a driving test in a vehicle or vehicle
33 combination that at least meets the minimum size requirements for the
34 class of driver license sought. The driving test shall include a
35 demonstration of familiarity with pretrip inspection procedures.

36 B. A person possessing a commercial driver license on or before
37 June 30, 2005 shall renew the license within eight years according to
38 procedures established by the department.

39 C. Notwithstanding section 28-3171, the holder of a class A, B or C
40 driver license shall renew the license every eight years in a manner
41 prescribed by the department.

- 1 D. The department may administer an examination to a renewal
- 2 applicant for a class A, B or C driver license. This examination on
- 3 renewal shall include the following:
- 4 1. Evidence of compliance with medical standards adopted by the
- 5 department.
- 6 2. Administration of knowledge tests or road tests, or both, as
- 7 required of an original applicant.