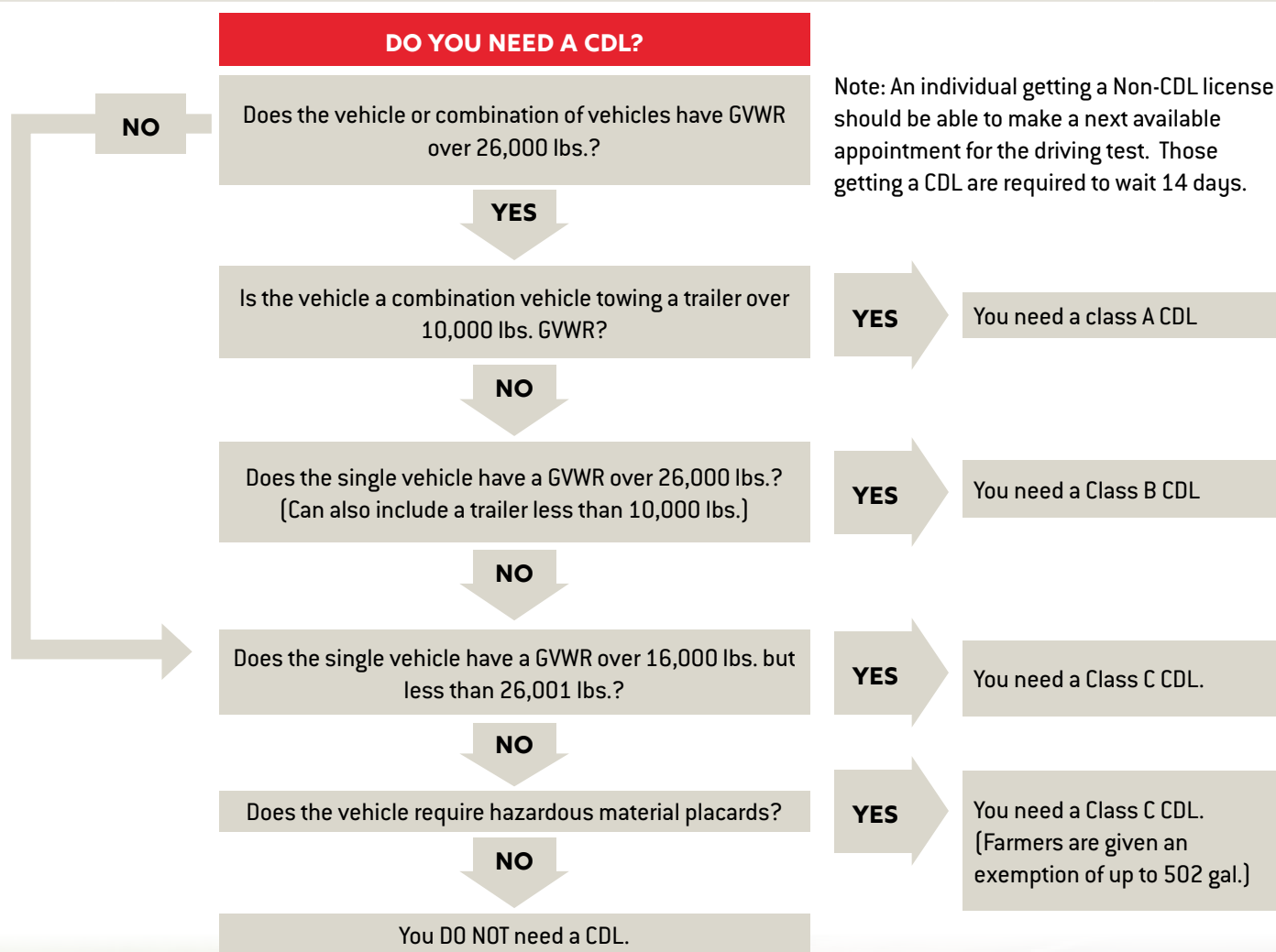


DRIVER'S LICENSE TYPES & CLASSIFICATIONS

A driver must be properly licensed to operate the size of the vehicle he/she is driving. Farmer exemptions from the CDL do exist; however, they must still have the correct classification of license in order to operate certain vehicles. The truck-tractor

semitrailer combination is treated differently in Illinois than all other vehicle types. There are two driver's licenses that can be used to operate a semi. The Class A CDL or the Non-CDL Class A with a J51 restriction. (J50 restriction is still valid as well.)

CDL		NON-CDL
A	Combination of vehicles 26,001 pounds or more. (where the trailer is 10,001 pounds or more)	A
B	Single vehicle of 26,001 pounds or more. (may include trailer of 10,000 pounds or less)	B
C	Single vehicle of more than 16,000 but less than 26,001 pounds (may include trailer of 10,000 pounds or less)	C
-	Single vehicle of 16,000 pounds or less. (may include trailer of any size so long as the combination is not 26,001 pounds or more)	D



WHAT IF I AM A FARMER AND HAVE FARM PLATES?

Illinois Farmers that fall under the Covered Farm Vehicle Exemption must have a Non-CDL license equal to the CDL classification.



The increased use of H2A workers in recent years drew much attention to the length and confusion it took to get these workers licensed in Illinois. To resolve these issues Illinois Farm Bureau and Midwest Truckers Association worked with the Illinois Secretary of State and developed this H2A License Guide.

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H2A Workers Guide to Getting an Illinois License



**Non-CDL Class A License (Farm Waived)
with a J51 restriction**

- Present one document to SOS office that satisfies each group A, B, C, D https://www.ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_x173.pdf
- Pass written test for Class D license
- Pass written test for Non-CDL Class A license (Can be taken same day as Class D test.)
- Make first available appointment to take skill test at a CDL testing facility(Do not have to wait 14 days like CLP <https://apps.ilsos.gov/facilityfinder/facility>)
- Take and pass skill/driving test in a truck equal to one you will be driving on a daily basis
 - o Example: If the truck the applicant will be driving daily is a manual, they cannot take the driving test in an automatic

Non-Domiciled CDL

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- Make first available appointment to take skill test at a CDL testing facility(Do not have to wait 14 days like CLP <https://apps.ilsos.gov/facilityfinder/facility>)
- Take and pass skill/driving test in a truck equal to one you will be driving on a daily basis
 - o Example: If the truck the applicant will be driving daily is a manual, they cannot take the driving test in an automatic.

If a worker does not have a Social Security number, the worker is only eligible for a temporary visitor driver’s license (TVDL) to operate a Class D vehicle or a motorcycle.

H2A and Non-Domiciled CDL for 18-20 year olds – If an out of country license cannot be provided, the applicant must complete Adult Driver’s Education or provide proof of classroom completion of state-approved driver education course.

Expiration date of driver’s license will be equal to the applicant’s authorized length of stay/departure date as indicated on immigration documents.