



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 (SOS) 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](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
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**Non-Domiciled CDL**

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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.