Federal Hazmat Requirements

As of January 31, 2005 an Ohio commercial driver applying for an original endorsement to transport hazardous materials is required by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to undergo a security threat assessment. No Commercial Driver License (CDL) with a new Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) may be issued unless the applicant has first undergone the security threat assessment and obtained clearance from TSA. This rule became effective for all renewals and state-to-state transfer applicants on May 31, 2005.

Transportation Security Administration agencies will submit necessary information, including fingerprints, to the TSA for a threat determination. Listed below are Ohio locations currently available for drivers to utilize when completing the required security threat assessment to obtain or maintain a Hazardous Materials Endorsement.

An application must be completed prior to arriving at a TSA agency for fingerprint collection. To complete your application or obtain additional information about the process, please contact the TSA Call Center at:
(855) DHS-UES1 or (855) 347-8371
8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Eastern, Monday-Friday or visit their Web site at https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/.

USA Patriot Act

The USA Patriot Act prohibits the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) from issuing a Hazardous Materials Endorsement until TSA has completed a security threat assessment and has determined a driver does not pose a security threat. If you would like to review the entire regulation, visit the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Web site at www.fmcsa.dot.gov or visit the TSA web site at https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/hazmatendorsement.

For Hazmat inquiries, drivers can use the email address HME.question@tsa.dhs.gov.

The website lists Frequently Asked Questions and has most other information about the TSA HME Security Threat Assessment process.

Security Threat Assessment

If TSA determines that an individual poses a security threat, the agency will notify the BMV and the driver. The BMV must then deny or revoke your HME. You may retain a CDL however you will be required to return to the nearest Deputy Registrar to have the Hazardous Materials Endorsement removed from your CDL.

Hearing, Appeal and Waiver Procedures

If a driver is determined to be a potential security threat and denied an endorsement, TSA will send a letter to the driver’s address on file. The letter is called a Preliminary Determination of Ineligibility (PDI), and contains instructions for the driver to request either an Appeal, a Waiver, or a time extension. Once the Appeal/Waiver process is completed, if the driver still disagrees with the decision, an opportunity to have a hearing with an Administrative Law Judge will be provided. The BMV will not be involved with any hearings, appeals and/or waivers. If a driver wishes to appeal the TSA decision to deny the Hazardous Materials Endorsement, the instructions for Appeal/Waiver are included in the initial PDI sent to drivers, and includes electronic transmission of materials (email or fax).

Disqualifying Criminal Offenses

Certain crimes are disqualifying if they are considered felonies in the appropriate jurisdiction, civilian or military. An applicant is DISQUALIFIED from holding a TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential) or an HME on a CDL if he or she was convicted* or found not guilty by reason of insanity within the previous seven years or was released from prison in the past five years for any crimes listed on TSA’s website at https://www.tsa.gov/Disqualifying-Offenses-Factors.

An applicant can be permanently disqualified from holding a TWIC or an HME on a CDL if he or she was convicted* or found not guilty by reason of insanity for any of the felonies referenced on TSA’s website at https://www.tsa.gov/Disqualifying-Offenses-Factors.

This website has a list of Frequently asked questions and other useful information

Hazmat Requirements for Non-Citizens

Persons who are not citizens of the United States may obtain an HME when all security requirements are met and the applicant is one of the following:

a) A lawful permanent resident of the U.S. as defined in section 101(a)(20) of the Immigration and Nationality Act
b) A lawful non-immigrant in possession of valid, unrestricted employment authorization
c) A refugee admitted under section 8 U.S.C. 1157 in possession of a valid, unrestricted employment authorization
d) In asylum status under section 8 U.S.C. 1158 in possession of a valid, unrestricted employment authorization
TSA Collection Locations

The following TSA fingerprint collection locations are now available in Ohio, but please contact TSA's call center or website listed below for the most current list of fingerprinting locations.

(855) DHS-UES1 or (855) 347-8371
8 A.M. - 10 P.M. Eastern, Monday - Friday or visit their website at https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/.

5900 Roche Drive
Columbus, OH 43229
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Monday - Friday
9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Saturday

230 Webster Street
Dayton, OH 45414
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday - Wednesday, Friday

7610 New West Rd.
Toledo, OH 43617
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Wednesday
1:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
Thursday

1320 Kemper Meadow Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45240
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Monday - Friday

5202 Timber Commons Dr.
Sandusky, OH 44870
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Friday

3094 W. Market St.
Fairlawn, OH 44333
1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday
9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday

6993 Pearl Road
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Monday - Friday

6907 Brookpark Road
Parma, OH 44129
9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Monday - Friday

Ohio Department of Public Safety
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Bureau of Motor Vehicles
1970 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

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