



DRIVER CERTIFICATION MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Where do I have to go to apply for a Philadelphia taxicab or limousine driver certificate?

A. We are located at 2415 S. Swanson Street in South Philadelphia between Delaware Avenue and Front Street.

Q. What are your hours?

A. 8:30 to 5:00 pm Monday – Friday.

Q. What do I need to bring with me?

A. You will need the fee:

\$130 new taxi driver, **\$100** new limousine driver, **\$230** both a taxi & limousine and **\$80** to renew either your taxi or limo driver certificate.

We accept credit cards and money orders, no cash or checks.

You must also have:

your social security card, drivers license and any INS documents such as work authorization card or permanent resident card.

If you live or have lived outside of Pennsylvania you must provide us with a State issued criminal record and driving record for the past 5 years. We will not accept 3rd party records nor will we process you without these items.

Q. If I have a CDL license do I still need to provide the physical form?

A. No, you may provide us with a valid physical certification card provided by the Department of Transportation.

Q. I was a certified driver before so do I still have to take the test or training?

A. If you have been expired for 1 year or more you must reapply as a “new” driver and follow all new driver guidelines. You will also be required to take either the Limousine certification exam or the taxi training course.

Q. If I have a criminal record can I still be a certified driver?

A. Maybe. Anyone who has been convicted or plead guilty to a felony within the past 5 years is ineligible for driver certification or renewal. Also, if you were sentenced to any type of monitoring such as probation, parole or sex offender registration you will not be eligible until 6 months after you complete the sentence.

Q. I am in an ARD program, so can I become a certified driver?

A. Not until the terms of the ARD are completed.

Q. If I come to the TLD to renew my driver certificate and my criminal record is Under Review or I have parking tickets and I'm expired, can I get a Temp until everything is fixed?

A. No. That is why we allow you to apply for renewal 90 days before you expire. In the event the event that you have any pending issues you will not experience any loss of work while waiting for them to be resolved.

Q. Why are you checking my personal parking tickets? What if I don't agree that they are mine?

A. We are not forcing you to pay the tickets nor can you pay them at the TLD. However, as mandated by our current regulations anyone requesting rights issued by the PPA must be current on parking violations issued to any vehicles that were registered to their name. If you disagree with the issuance of a parking citation you have the right to request a hearing or a payment plan through the Bureau of Adjudication & Administration. However, the TLD has no say so over the assignment nor adjudication of parking violations.

Q. I've been a certified driver for years and I had a 3 day suspension on my driver's license last year, will this affect my renewal?

A. It could. Our current regulations do require a clean driving record for 1 full year prior to applying for new driver certification or when renewing your driver certification. However you are able to provide us with official documents to show that the reason for the suspension was not for a safety violation. These situations may prolong the renewal process since the determination will be made on a case by case basis.