



Inspection Bulletin

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2021-04 – Mexican Federal Licenses

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Summary

On April 1, 2021, Mexico's Ministry of Communication and Transportation (SCT) implemented its federal digital driver's license (FDDL) program. As of April 1, 2021, all Mexican commercial driver's license (CDL) credentials will be produced in a digital format and the printing of such documents on plastic material has been discontinued. Enforcement officials who engage with Mexico-licensed drivers will begin to see licenses presented through the driver's smartphone and will need to recognize and accept valid CDL formats, including the new digital license and the traditional plastic licenses, which will remain valid until their expiration date. This bulletin will assist enforcement personnel to recognize valid CDL formats, identify relevant data fields and determine the status of the CDL for Mexico-licensed drivers.

Background

On Nov. 19, 1991, the United States of America and Mexico signed a memorandum of understanding that allowed the reciprocal recognition of CDLs and allowed CDL holders to operate commercial motor vehicles in each other's territory. Similarly, on March 1, 1994, Transport Canada and the SCT entered into a memorandum of understanding allowing for CDL reciprocity.

The transportation of persons and property across the U.S.-Mexico border is an integral part of both countries' economies and resulted in approximately 6.45 million border crossings by commercial motor vehicles in 2020 alone. These border crossings were largely accomplished by the 97,705 drivers licensed, as of February 2021, to operate commercial motor vehicles internationally by the SCT. In furtherance of the motor carrier safety mission, U.S. jurisdictions report conducting more than 250,000 roadside inspections on Mexico-domiciled motor carriers every year.

Regulatory Information

On Feb. 15, 2021, Mexico's SCT published new rules to require the issuance of the federal digital driver's license (FDDL) in place of the traditional plastic CDL credential for Mexico-licensed drivers. The objectives of the new rules are to make the Mexican federal licenses procedures more expeditious and to provide greater user confidence regarding their authenticity and security in the handling and exchange of personal information through the principles of technological innovation, regulatory improvement, transparency and increased public engagement.

The FDDL rules went into effect on April 1, 2021, with the following provisions:

- Dictates that all licenses will be issued in a digital format beginning on April 1, 2021
- Retains the validity of all plastic CDL credentials until their expiration date
- Requires the SCT to develop a mobile application (app) to allow license holders to download their FDDL to their smartphone or print a copy of their FDDL, valid for 30 days from the date of printing
- Mandates the use of QR codes or other similar technology for the verification of FDDLs by Mexican enforcement officials

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Current Valid Mexican CDLs

There are currently three valid formats of the CDLs issued by the SCT. In addition, there is a temporary print version that is valid for 30 days after printing.

As outlined in CVSA's Licencia Federal de Conductor (LFC) inspection schematic, the following examples represent the two current valid plastic formats (physical) of the CDLs issued by the SCT. These plastic CDLs will be phased out by 2025.

Plastic Format #1



1	Licencia Federal de Conductor
2	Driver's Name
3	Date of Birth
4	Validity Period
5	Original Issuance Date
6	Driver's License Number
7	License Class
8	Medical Certificate Number
9	Restrictions
10	Endorsements and Restrictions
11	eLicencias

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Plastic Format #2



1	Licencia Federal de Conductor
2	Driver's Name
3	Date of Birth
4	Validity Period
5	Original Issuance Date
6	Driver's License Number
7	License Class
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The following represents the new (digital) format of the CDLs issued by the SCT.

New Digital Format

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LICENCIA FEDERAL CONDUCTOR

PEDRO INFANTE CRUZ

No. de Licencia: **SIN9876543**

CURP: **IACP17118HSLNRD14**

NACIONALIDAD: **MÉXICO**

VIGENCIA: **14/05/2021 - 14/05/2023**

ANTIGÜEDAD: **11/06/2012**

CATEGORÍA
B) CARGA, E) CARGA MATERIALES PELIGROSOS

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NO. EXPEDIENTE MÉDICO: **968557**

OBSERVACIONES

LENTES	NO
DIABETES	NO
HIPERTENSIÓN	NO

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Director General de Autotransporte Federal

La presente Licencia Federal Digital de Conductor se emite con fundamento en lo previsto en los artículos 5°, 36° y 60° de la

1	Licencia Federal de Conductor
2	Driver's Name
3	Driver's License Number
4	Unique Identification Number Population Registry (Date of Birth)
5	Nationality
6	Validity Period
7	Original Issuance Date
8	License Class
9	National or International Designation
10	Medical Certificate Number
11	Phrases of Classes, Endorsements and Restrictions
12	Issue Date and Time Through the Single Window System
13	License Holder Signature

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New Paper Format



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Estados Unidos Mexicanos
Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes
Dirección General de Autotransporte Federal

CONSTANCIA DE EXPEDICIÓN DE LICENCIA FEDERAL DIGITAL DE CONDUCTOR 1





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Tipo: **B) CARGA**

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PEDRO INFANTE CRUZ

PRESENTE

Ciudad de México, a 18 de mayo de 2021. 13

La presente Constancia de Expedición de Licencia Federal Digital de Conductor emitida por la Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes a través de la Dirección General de Autotransporte Federal se realiza con fundamento en lo previsto en los artículos 5, 36 y 60 de la Ley de Caminos, Puentes y Autotransporte Federal; 69-C de la Ley Federal de Procedimiento Administrativo; 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 93-A y 93-B del Reglamento de Autotransporte Federal y Servicios Auxiliares; Acuerdo por el que se establecen las categorías de la licencia federal de conductor atendiendo al tipo de vehículo y clase de servicio que se presta, así como los requisitos para su obtención, y el Acuerdo por el que se Establecen las Reglas de Carácter General para la Instrumentación de la Licencia Federal Digital en los diversos modos de transporte de la Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes.

Nuestro objetivo es que el uso y adopción de la **Licencia Federal Digital de Conductor desplegada mediante teléfono celular** impulse el desarrollo de habilidades y capacidades digitales, favoreciendo que los conductores de vehículos que prestan servicios de autotransporte federal, transporte privado y sus servicios auxiliares logren un aprovechamiento eficiente de las tecnologías y herramientas digitales, incorporándose a la cuarta revolución industrial, por lo que la presente constancia tendrá una vigencia de treinta días naturales contados a partir de su expedición.

Así mismo se hace de su conocimiento que para aquellos casos en los que su empleador o la autoridad competente requiera verificar la validez y vigencia de la Licencia Digital Federal de Conductor expedida a su favor, podrán optar por acceder a la Base de Datos de la Licencia Federal Digital de Conductor a través de sus equipos de telefonía celular móviles, escaneando el Código QR que aparece en el presente documento y en la Licencia Federal Digital desplegada en su teléfono celular o ingresando a la siguiente liga de consulta: <http://app.sct.gob.mx/ConsultaInfracciones/detalleLicFederal.do>. Siendo nuestro compromiso que la identidad de cada persona esté protegida y segura, por ello contamos con los máximos estándares para la protección de los datos personales. En este marco, es importante que verifique que la información contenida en la presente constancia sea la correcta.

Agradezco tu participación.

Para cualquier aclaración o duda sobre su Licencia Federal Digital de Conductor, puede acudir a la Dirección General de Autotransporte Federal o a las Oficinas de Atención al Ciudadano de la Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes.

Los Datos Personales recabados, incorporados y utilizados en la función de la Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes, se encuentran registrados en el Sistema de Información de la Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes (SISICOM) y deben realizarse conforme a la Ley General de Protección de Datos Personales en Posesión de Sujetos Obligados y el Reglamento de la Ley General de Protección de Datos Personales en Posesión de Sujetos Obligados, así como el integral del aviso de privacidad ingresado a la página de Internet de la Secretaría de Comunicaciones y Transportes.

Nota: Se recomienda que en caso de ser necesario, se imprima la Constancia de Expedición de Licencia Federal Digital de Conductor en su totalidad.

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5	Nationality
6	Medical Certificate Number
7	Restrictions
8	Date of issue
9	Validity Dates
10	Original Issuance Date
11	License Class
12	National Designation
13	Date License Was Printed – Expires After 30 days
14	License Holder Signature

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Validity of Various CDL Formats

The SCT issued the license in Plastic Format #1 with the validity period reflected on that CDL with a maximum term limit that will expire on Jan. 15, 2023.

The SCT issued the license in Plastic Format #2 with the validity period reflected on that CDL with a maximum term limit that will expire on March 31, 2025.

The SCT is currently issuing FDDLs in the digital format. All FDDL licenses are valid for four years, except Class “E” which is valid for two years. Refer to the CVSA North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria Handbook for the Licencia Federal de Conductor inspection schematic. It provides guidance for Mexico’s CDLs and class equivalency as the classes differ from jurisdictions in Canada and the U.S.

The paper format of the digital FDDL is valid for 30 days from the day it is printed and can be printed as many times as the driver requires, as long as the license is valid.

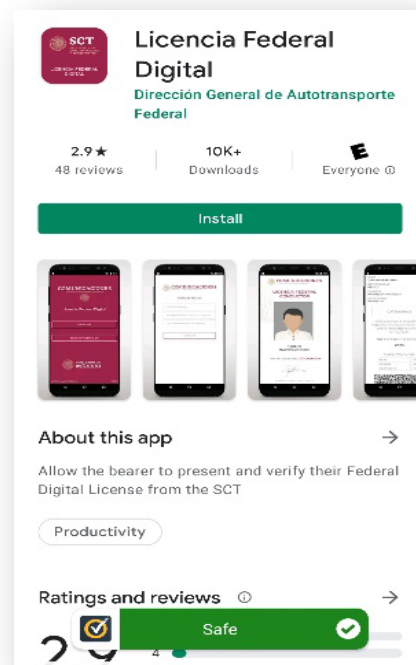
Verification of CDLs/FDDLs

The status of Mexican CDLs and FDDLs should always be verified electronically. For U.S. jurisdictions, a query may be submitted through the International Justice and Public Safety Network (NIJ), the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s Commercial Driver’s License Information System (CDLIS), using CDLIS.dot.gov, or through FMCSA’s other query interfaces.

For Mexican or Canadian jurisdictions, queries may be submitted through the SCT’s website at <http://app.sct.gob.mx/ConsultaInfracciones/detalleLicFederal.do>.

App Downloads

The SCT’s driver app can be downloaded from the major app stores under the name “Licencia Federal Digital.”



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Inspection Guidance

During an inspection of a Mexican CDL driver, the inspector must take into consideration the three different formats of LFCs that are currently valid and the one-month temporary printed format.

If the driver produces a printed copy of the Mexican CDL, ensure it is valid and not older than 30 days. Refer to the illustration on page 6 for the location of the print date.

In all cases, the driver's credentials should be confirmed by querying the license through CDLIS.dot.gov, Nlets or other FMCSA interfaces, or by accessing the SCT's website.