

WAC 308-104-047 Driving test—Waiver. For purposes of issuance of an original driver's license, the department may waive the actual demonstration of the ability to operate a motor vehicle where the applicant meets all other licensing requirements, has successfully completed the appropriate Washington knowledge test or tests, and:

(1) If the application is for a basic driver's license, the applicant has:

(a) Surrendered a valid driver's license issued by the applicant's previous home state, or presented a letter of clearance from the previous home state showing a valid license record on file;

(b) Not taken a Washington driving test on which the applicant has been disqualified; and

(c) Not taken a Washington knowledge test on which the applicant has been disqualified three or more times;

(2) If the application is for a driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement, the applicant, along with the requirements listed in subsection (1) of this section, has:

(a) Surrendered a valid motorcycle license or driver's license with motorcycle endorsement issued by the applicant's previous home state, or presented a letter of clearance from the previous home state showing a valid motorcycle license record on file. In order for a surrendered license or letter of clearance to be valid under this subsection, the applicant's previous home state's motorcycle licensing standards must meet or exceed Washington state motorcycle licensing standards, as determined by the department;

(b) Completed a motorcycle skill test waiver certificate; and

(c) If the applicant is under eighteen years of age, presented a certificate verifying completion of an approved motorcycle safety education course;

(3) If the application is for a commercial driver's license, the applicant, along with the requirements listed in subsection (1) of this section, has:

(a) Surrendered a valid commercial driver's license issued by the applicant's previous home state, or presented a letter of clearance from the previous home state showing a valid commercial driver's license record on file; or

(b) Met the requirements for waiver of the commercial driver's license skill test as provided by RCW 46.25.060(2).

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the department may require the applicant to complete the appropriate driving test or tests if the department determines that it is in the interest of safety for the applicant to demonstrate his or her ability to operate a motor vehicle.

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