

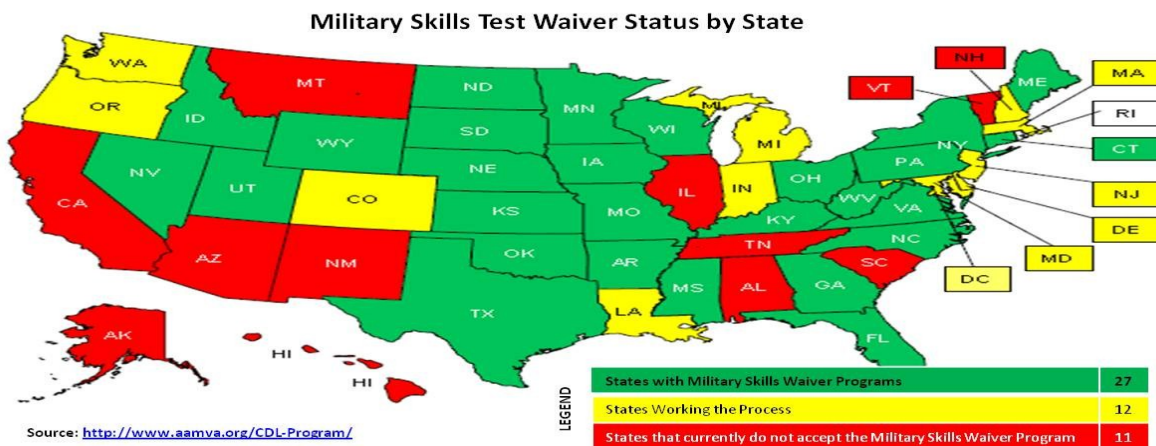


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SUBJECT: Trucking Industry Seeking to Hire Veterans in Good Standing

1. Purpose: To inform the services of employment opportunities at a national level that are available to transitioning service members and all other veterans as they prepare for life beyond the military.
2. Issue: Our commercial trucking industry's strategic partners remain undermanned with approximately 30,000 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) jobs available across the United States and have a desire to fill this void with good standing veterans seeking civilian employment.
3. Background: United States Transportation Command's (USTRANSCOM) global mission requires close ties with commercial industry in all modes (air, surface, sea). The National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) is a non-profit educational association that assists the Department of Defense and USTRANSCOM in staying connected to current matters of logistics, transportation, travel, distribution, and security. During NDTA's annual forum, members of the commercial trucking industry requested we help spread the word of employment opportunities to service members as they transition out of the armed services. I am seeking your assistance to help connect members who have proudly served in your organizations with our commercial partners who proudly serve the nation every day.
4. In May 2011, an update to 49 CFR 383.77 provided states the opportunity to waive the CDL Skills Driving Tests for active duty, reserve, National Guard, and Coast Guard service members who have at least two years of accident free truck/bus driving experience during their active duty service. Service members who meet these requirements will receive a waiver to the skills portion of their CDL testing requiring them to pass only the written CDL exam within these states. This process gives service members the opportunity to go directly from the military into their civilian job upon meeting the minimum written requirements of the state's CDL examination process.
 - The following states currently offer a program that waives the CDL skills test requirements for service members who have demonstrated two years of accident free driving experience in heavy truck driving or bus driving skill sets.



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