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SUBJECT: Idaho Resident Employed Out of State with non-Idaho CDL
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This does not apply to regular driver’s licenses, only commercial driver’s licenses (CDL).

Some Idaho residents work in another state. Some of those out of state employers require employees to have a CDL from the state in which the company is located for insurance and liability. This results in an Idaho resident in possession of a CDL from another state.

Customers in this circumstance must provide a signed letter from the employer, on company letterhead containing company contact information, indicating the company requires employees to have a CDL in the state their business is stationed.

Customers can then provide the letter and at least two documents showing proof of residency in order to obtain a resident license. One of the best documents is their most recent (filed within the most current year) income tax documents indicating they filed as an Idaho resident.

Please evaluate each of these on a case-by-case basis.

Some of the nonresident CDLs actually have the Idaho address on them. Meaning, someone may actually produce a CDL issued in another state with an Idaho address on it.

In cases where the individual simply does not want to pay for a new Idaho CDL or go through the trouble of obtaining an Idaho CDL or they cannot provide a letter from the employer; please kindly inform them we cannot issue a resident license until they provide an Idaho CDL or DL.

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