



METAL COIL DRIVER LICENSE ENDORSEMENT



Changes to the Vehicle & Traffic Law require that any commercial driver who is licensed in NYS, and who transports metal coils, must have a Metal Coil endorsement (identified as the **code "M"**) on his/her New York Commercial Driver License (CDL).

What is a "metal coil"? A metal coil is any product that is made of a metal that is bulk packaged or packaged as a roll, coil, spool, wind or wrap. The "M" endorsement is required if the weight of a single coil being transported is 5,000 lbs. or more, or if more than one coil (which individually may be less than 5,000 lbs.), weighs 5,000 lbs. or more when bundled together.

When do I have to obtain the "metal coil" endorsement? Effective June 1, 2003, drivers who apply for a CDL will be required to take a Metal Coil written test, along with their other knowledge tests, if they want a Metal Coil endorsement. Drivers who renew an existing CDL that expires on or after June 1, 2003, will also have to pass a Metal Coil written test and obtain the "M" endorsement if they want to legally transport metal coils in NYS. Anyone who already has a CDL, and who wants to transport metal coil in NYS, must qualify for the "M" endorsement no later than June 1, 2006.

How do I prepare for the written test? The written test is based on the material in the "Safe Securement for Metal Coils and Other Cargo" manual (MV-79). Visit any DMV office that issues driver licenses to get a copy of the manual.

NOTE: To find out which DMV offices offer written tests, visit the DMV web site at www.nysdmv.com, or call:

Upstate New York

1-800-CALL-DMV (800-225-5368)
Monday to Friday: 8:00 - 4:30

New York City

From area codes **212, 347, 646, 718, 917**:
1-212-645-5550 or 1-718-966-6155
Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 8:00 - 4:30
Thursday: 8:00 - 5:30

Other Downstate Areas and Long Island

From area codes **516, 631, 845, 914**:
1-800-DIAL-DMV (800-342-5368)
Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri.: 8:00 - 4:30
Thursday: 8:00 - 5:30