

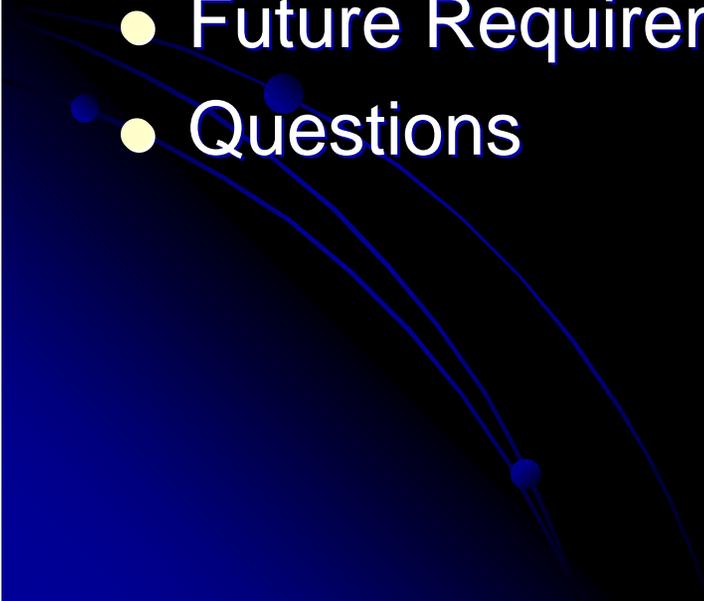
**New Jersey
Motor Vehicle Commission**

**Revised Requirements
Impacting Limousine Drivers
and Rental Car Chauffeurs**

**Limousine Association
of New Jersey**

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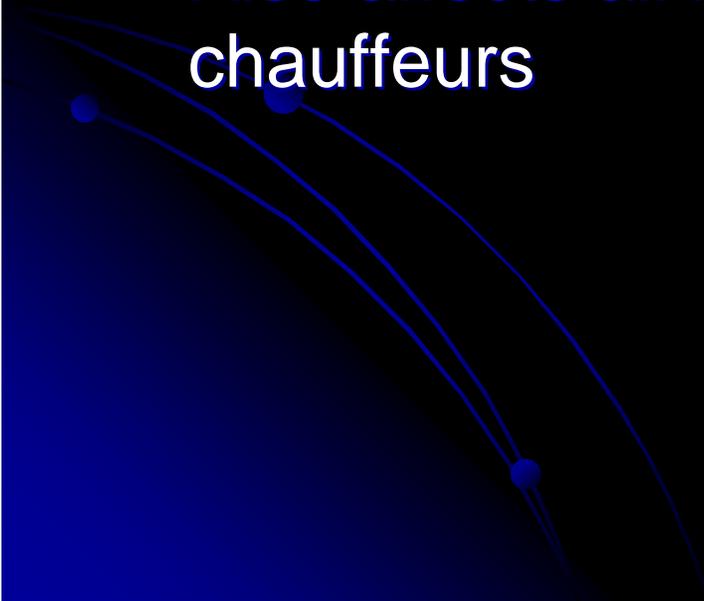
Overview

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Existing Requirements

- All limousine drivers must be at least 21 of age or older
- Limousine drivers must be qualified by the MVC before they can drive a limousine
- Grandfather provision for drivers continuously employed by same company prior to January 18, 2002.
- Fingerprints are scanned by state vendor and are used to identify criminal convictions
- Limousine drivers with CDL P endorsement submit medical form every two years

Law Change

- Signed by Governor on January 18, 2010
 - All drivers must be qualified by April 19, 2010
 - Affects all limousine and Rental Car Chauffeur Companies
 - Also affects all limousine drivers and rental car chauffeurs
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Key Changes

- Federal (FBI) background checks have been eliminated
- Rental car chauffeurs must meet background check requirements
- CDL Holders with active (P) passenger endorsement in good standing are now qualified
- Employers may be fined \$500 fine if they allow an unqualified driver to operate a limousine
- For drivers with disqualifying offenses, a certificate of rehabilitation can be used but must be issued by the court where the conviction occurred.
- New MVC Qualification Certificate

Employers Need To Check Driver Status

- Drivers continuously employed by same company prior to January 18, 2002
- Drivers that have already been qualified by MVC
- Drivers with CDL and (P) passenger endorsement in good standing
- Drivers operating a vehicle with less than 8 passengers hired after January 18, 2002

Drivers Employed Continuously By Same Company Since January 18, 2002

- **Must be certified by current employer by completing **Employment History Certification Form – Chauffeur****
- **Form must be sent to NJMVC CDL Unit**
- **Original should be carried by driver when operating vehicle until certification received from MVC.**

Drivers Already Qualified

- Since 2002, MVC has qualified over 2,100 limo drivers
- Employers should verify drivers have qualification letter
- Employers needing letter should request duplicate certification by contacting MVC CDL Unit at 609-292-6500 ext 5077 Mon – Fri 8:30 – 4:15

Drivers With CDL And P Endorsement

- Drivers holding or obtaining a CDL with P endorsement in good standing do not need another background check.
- Employers should complete and submit to MVC the **Limousine Driver or Rental Car Chauffeur Employer Certification Application Form.**
- Check off box indicating the driver holds a CDL with P endorsement.
- MVC will verify endorsement status and mail the employer a certification letter.

Drivers Operating a Vehicle With Less Than 8 Passengers Hired After January 18, 2002

- Drivers who operate company vehicles but do not need a CDL with P endorsement need to complete a background check.
- Employers should complete and submit to MVC the **Limousine Driver or Rental Car Chauffeur Employer Certification Application.**
- Drivers need to complete vendor form NJAPS2, Version 4.0 fingerprint application and contact MorphoTrak, the state fingerprint vendor to arrange for fingerprinting.
- Telephone number for MorphoTrak 877-503-5981
- Drivers can also schedule fingerprinting on the internet at www.bioapplicant.com/nj

Drivers operating a vehicle with less than 8 passengers hired after January 18, 2002 (continued)

- The vendor requires payment of \$51.00 at time of scheduling.
- Drivers must use the application form NJAPS2, Version 4.0 now available on MVC's website
- Box 5 must be RS1 and box 6 must be \$51.00
- Use of the older form will result in a federal level background check and higher fee.
- MVC will review background check results and mail the employer a qualification or disqualification letter.

Important Information for Employers

- Drivers who are employed by more than one employer need only one background check.
- The Motor Vehicle Commission will continue to notify employer(s) of any disqualifying state level convictions.
- The MVC must have employers' current address for all driver employees.
- Applications must be submitted to the MVC CDL Unit.
- The deadline for compliance with the law is April 19, 2010.
- Due to anticipated volume, MVC may not be able to fully process and mail qualification letters for applications received after April 12, 2010.

Important Information for Employers (continued)

- Out of state drivers need to complete the process to be qualified as chauffeurs.
- The MVC does not charge a fee for administering this program.
- A driver cannot be qualified to operate a limousine if they have been convicted of any of the following:
Aggravated assault, arson, burglary, escape, extortion, homicide, kidnapping, robbery, aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault or endangering the welfare of a child pursuant, or any other than a disorderly persons or petty disorderly persons offense for the unlawful use, possession or sale of a controlled dangerous substance as defined in N.J.S.2C:35-2.

Revised Qualification Letter.

- The standard qualification letter will continue to be sent to all employers stating that the employee is qualified to drive limousines or chauffeur driven rental cars.
 - The law requires MVC to notify the employer not the driver.
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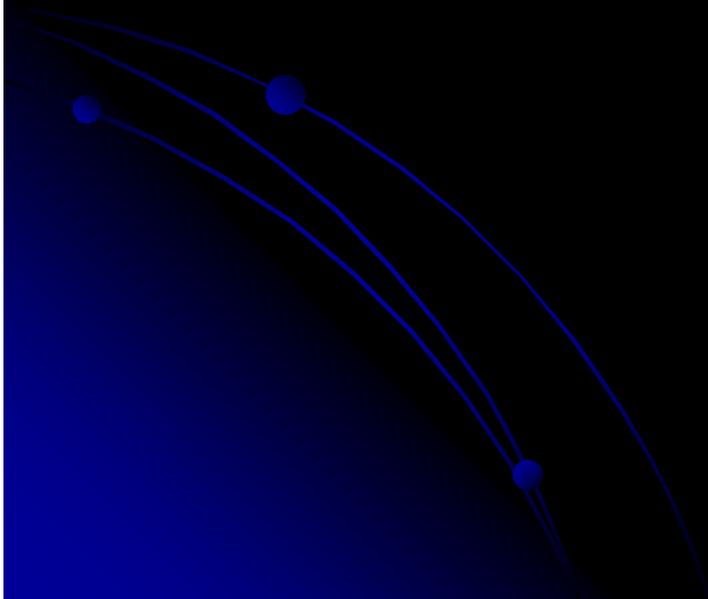
Qualification Certificate

- This is a new feature that was added to the qualification letter at the request of the Limousine Association Advisory Board. This is a small certification document that should be cut out of the letter and carried in the wallet of all drivers and presented to law enforcement if requested.

Future Requirements

- Law requires a new license endorsement for all limousine and rental car chauffeurs. (2012 or after)
- MVC will end employer application and certification process when limousine endorsement is implemented.
- All limousine or Rental Car Chauffeurs will be required to submit proof that the applicant meets medical requirements
- Medical Verification - All CDL holders medical certification will be recorded and stored on Federal Commercial Driver License System
- Certified Physicians – All physicians completing the physical will have to be certified by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
- Estimated implementation mid 2012

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Contact Info

- For questions regarding Limo Law please call the MVC CDL Unit at 609-292-7500 extension 5077 between 8:30 – 4:15
- For questions regarding a “P” Endorsement please call the MVC Bus Unit at 609-292-7500 extension 5039 between 8:30 – 4:15
- For general MVC questions call (609) 292-6500 between 8:30 – 4:15
- MVC Web Site – Frequently Asked Questions, CDL Manual and Forms www.njmvc.gov