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### 2 Driver's License Number

The license number is indicated in red in the lower left corner of the Mexican CDL. Just as with some U.S. state license numbers that include letters, Mexican CDL numbers always begin with letters, and those letters must be included as part of the license number when the number is recorded.

### 3 Issuance Date

The Mexican CDL indicates the original date the driver received the license. The date of original issuance is indicated in the "Antigüedad:" field and displayed as dd/mm/yyyy.

### 4 Expiration Date

The validity of the Mexican CDL is indicated in the fields "Vigente del" or "Vigente desde" and "hasta". "Vigente del" or "Vigente desde" indicates when the license is valid from and is displayed as dd/mm/yyyy. "hasta" indicates when the license is valid through and is displayed as dd/mm/yyyy.

As of April 21, 2010, the Mexican CDL must be reissued every five years for all license classes except class E (HazMats) which must be reissued every three years.

**Note:** Licenses issued before April 21, 2010 must be reissued at the end of the two-year period as displayed on the license.

Law enforcement should always verify the Mexican CDL's validity electronically in the eLicencias. eLicencias can be queried via the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS), via your Department of Motor Vehicles through the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS), or via the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) CDLIS-Check interfaces (Query Central, Aspen/Capri or CDLIS.DOT.GOV).

If the driver does not have a valid Licencia Federal issued by DGAF, and recorded in eLicencias with the proper class without any restrictions, place the driver out-of-service per 383.23(a)(2).

**Note:** Mexican state driver licenses (both CDL and private car driver) ARE NOT verifiable via NLETS/eLicencias.

### 5 Driver's Name and Address

The Mexican CDL lists the driver's name in three lines in the center of the license. The name is displayed in the following order:

- Given name(s) (first and middle)
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**Note:** The Mexican medical examination is required at least every two years. The eLicencias system CDL status includes the medical certification status. Please refer to item 9 eLicencias-Check for verifying the Mexican CDL validity electronically.

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### 7 License Class

Locate the license class in the "CATEGORIA" box at the bottom, center of the license. A Mexican CDL will indicate a category of A through F. Refer to the Licencia Federal Classes (Categorías) on this card for equivalent U.S. class and endorsements.

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### 8 Restrictions

On the back of the license, at the top, a series of preprinted boxes exist which can be marked to indicate useful medical conditions of the driver, should he or she be involved in an accident. The only pre-printed restriction box on the document applicable to operating a CMV in the United States and Canada is "LENTES" (eye glasses). If the "LENTES" box contains an "X", the driver must be wearing corrective lenses to operate a CMV.

Additional possible restrictions may be placed on the document as explanatory phrases in the large comment field labeled as "Observaciones:". An important restriction for law enforcement to recognize is that the driver could be restricted to operating a CMV in Mexico only which would read: "VALIDA SOLO PARA CIRCULAR EN LA REPUBLICA MEXICANA". The eLicencias response to a driver inquiry will contain any such restrictions that apply to that driver, in clear English.

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**Note:** While Mexico provides the ability to verify the Mexican CDL in eLicencias via the SCT website indicated in the back of the license, this website does not reflect the U.S. convictions and withdrawals as CDLIS and NLETS do. Please always use CDLIS or NLETS when verifying Mexican CDLs to check both Mexico's eLicencias and the privilege to operate in the U.S. combined status.

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## Licencia Federal Classes (Categorías)

Categoría	Description
<b>A</b>	This categoria is for any bus. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "B" CDL with a passenger endorsement.
<b>B</b>	This categoria is for any truck (including straight, combination, doubles, triples, tank), but excluding hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "A" CDL with a tank and doubles/triples endorsement.
<b>C</b>	This categoria is for straight trucks (maximum of three axles, which includes any towed trailer axles), but excluding hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "B" CDL with a tank endorsement.
<b>D</b>	There is no comparable U.S. CDL definition. Authorizes holder to operate automobiles and small buses, which do not exceed 7,716 pounds (3500kgs) or have a capacity to carry no more than 13 passengers (including the driver who also serves as the tour guide) for purpose of tourism.
<b>E</b>	This categoria is for any type truck or combination, including hazardous materials. This is roughly comparable to a U.S. Class "A" CDL with a hazardous materials, tank and doubles/triples endorsement.
<b>F</b>	There is no comparable U.S. CDL definition. Authorizes holder to operate taxis from any airport or seaport in Mexico. <b>Note:</b> This is because airports and seaports are federal and require a federal license, similar to driving a commercial vehicle on a federal road.

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