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NOTICE OF CHANGES TO LICENSE ENDORSEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS
COMMENCING MARCH 7, 2016

In order to comply with recent federal regulations issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Division of Motor Vehicles will be making changes to its current endorsements and restrictions on all learner permits, driver licenses, commercial learner permits and commercial driver licenses. These changes will now utilize the AAMVA standards that are used in the majority of other states. Barring any unforeseen technical issues, the DMV plans to begin utilizing the new codes on all driving credentials beginning on March 7, 2016. **Any credential issued on or after March 7, 2016 date will utilize the new codes while credentials issued prior to that date will still show the old codes.**

A list of both the old and new codes has been attached for reference. The most notable changes are that chauffeur and motorcycle are now properly listed as endorsements instead of restrictions. This will clear up some of the confusion motorists encounter when they present a Rhode Island license to another jurisdiction.



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New Endorsements (effective 3-7-16):

**M- Motorcycle
R- Chauffeur**

**H- Hazmat
N- Tank
P- Passenger
S- School Bus
T- Doubles, Triple
X- Tank/Hazmat**

What was changed:

**H-used to be the Motorcycle Restriction
R-used to be the Chauffeur Restriction**

New Restrictions (effective 3-7-16):

**A- Corrective Lenses
C- Mechanical Aid*
(*C' now covers all mechanical aids)**

**D- In/Outside Mirrors
E- Automatic Transmission
K- CDL Intrastate Only
L- Vehicles without airbrakes
M- No Class A Passenger Vehicle
N- No Class A & B Passenger Vehicle
O- No Tractor Trailer CMV
P- No Passengers in a CMV
U- Ignition interlock required
V- Medical Variance
X- No Cargo in CMV Tank Vehicle
Y- Hardship
Z- No full air brake equipped CMV**

What was changed:

**(old mechanical aids)
C- used to be Brake Clutch Extensions,
E- used to be Hand Controls,
G- used to be Special Equipment**

M- used to be Insulin Dependent

***Note – the ‘C’ restriction now covers all mechanical aids. There will no longer be a specific restriction for the type of mechanical aid required.**