

Registry of Motor Vehicles

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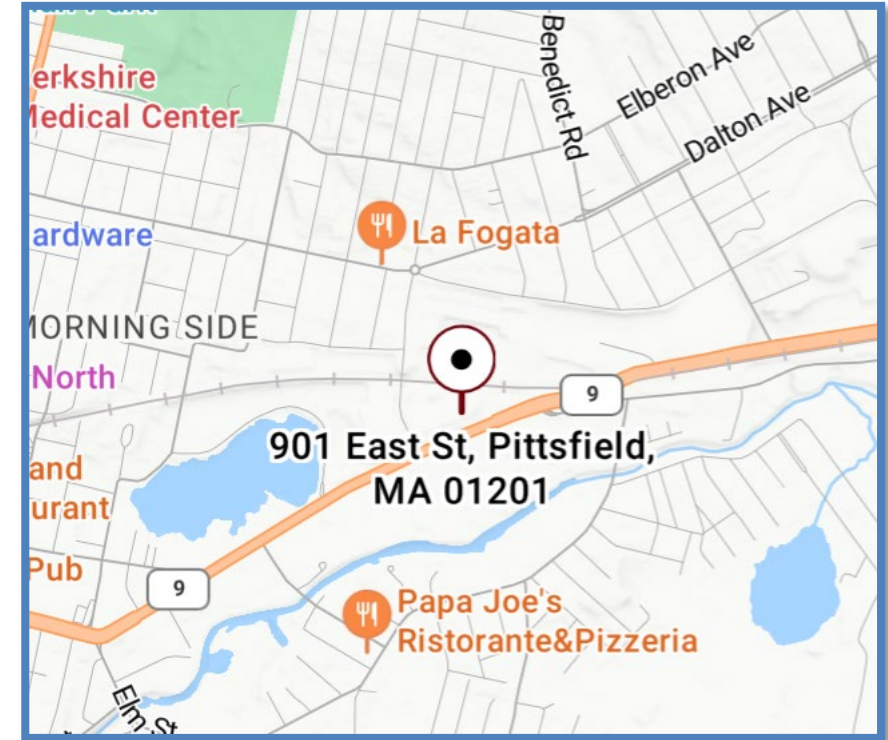
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New Skills Test Site – Pittsfield

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- 901 East Street, Pittsfield
- Will offer commercial skills testing and passenger skills testing
- Anticipated launch in November 2025



Interim Final Rule for Non-Domiciled Commercial Drivers

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FMCSA has issued an interim final rule that makes immediate changes to the eligibility and issuance requirements for Non-Domiciled commercial driver licenses (CDL) and commercial learner permits (CLP). The new requirements are effective as of **September 29, 2025**.

- FMCSA has directed all states pause their Non-Domiciled CDL Program until they can meet the new Rule requirements.
- RMV has paused all transactions related to Non-Domiciled CLPs and CDLs, while we update our policies and business system to be compliant with the new requirements.
- Only those applicants with lawful status in the US in one of the following employment-based nonimmigrant categories will be eligible for a Non-Domiciled CLP or CDL:
 - H-2A (Temporary Agricultural Workers);
 - H-2B (Temporary Non-Agricultural Workers); or
 - E-2 (Treaty Investors)
- Expiration date for non-domiciled CLP or CDL should match the expiration date of the Form I-94/I-94A or 1 year, whichever is sooner and all transactions must be conducted in person
- As of 9/10, Massachusetts had 1,611 active Non-Domiciled CLP and CDL holders. This represents 1.4% of commercial drivers in the Commonwealth.
- The Non-Domiciled program is voluntary. A state does not have to adopt it. The RMV has participated in the program since 2019.

Non-Domiciled Commercial Program Changes

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Impact

- Non-Domiciled Commercial Learner Permit (CLP) holders are **not allowed to take a commercial skills road** test during the pause
- Non-Domiciled Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders may retain their current active CDL unless the RMV's review identifies an issue
 - For those who have an issue identified, RMV is required to cease their commercial credential and downgrade to a class D license
- Non-Domiciled CDLs are expiring each month over next few years with majority expiring in 2026
 - New documentation requirements will reduce the number of people eligible

Communications

- RMV held 3 webinars for industry partners to explain the impact of this new interim federal rule
- Emails and letters have been sent to all Non-Domiciled CDL and CLP holders
- RMV has called Non-Domiciled CLP holders to inform them about the skills test cancellation
- RMV will inform any current drivers who are no longer eligible to retain their Non-Domiciled CDL
- RMV created a Frequently Asked question document to share with industry business partners and other colleagues in government

Out of State Temporary Tags

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RMV sent a letter to Department of Motor Vehicles in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine to clarify:

- MA issues temporary registration plates valid for 15 days to out of state residents when they purchase a vehicle from a Mass dealer to enable them to drive the vehicle back to their home state to register the vehicle there.
- On a reciprocal basis, MA will honor temporary out-of-state registrations, including ones issued to Mass residents if certain criteria is met.
- RMV provided a Massachusetts Buyer Reminder Sheet to distribute to dealer networks. This will help ensure that MA residents purchasing vehicles out-of-state are aware of the requirements like proof of vehicle insurance meeting MA standards they must follow when driving the vehicle back on a temporary registration.
- Customer needs to apply for Certificate of Title within 10 days and pay sales/use tax in MA by the 20th of the following month

Thank You

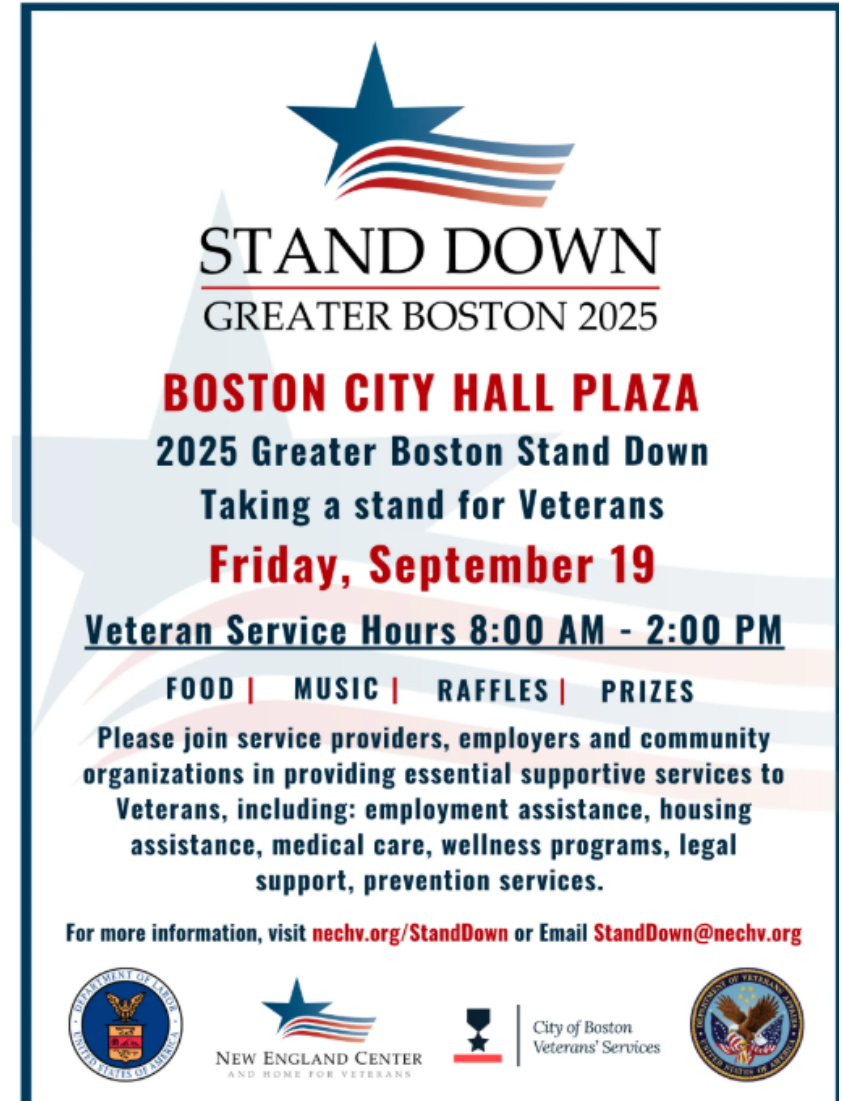


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Veterans' Stand Down Event





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- The RMV participates in the Greater Boston Stand Down event each year.
- This is a one-day event that brings together service providers and helps Veterans to receive needed services in one place.
- This year, the RMV assisted 24 veterans in getting IDs and made appointments for 18 other veterans to return after gathering their documents.



The poster features a large blue star with red and white stripes at the top. Below it, the text reads: **STAND DOWN** GREATER BOSTON 2025. The location is **BOSTON CITY HALL PLAZA**. The event is the **2025 Greater Boston Stand Down**, with the tagline **Taking a stand for Veterans**. The date is **Friday, September 19**. The **Veteran Service Hours** are **8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**. Activities include **FOOD | MUSIC | RAFFLES | PRIZES**. A paragraph encourages service providers, employers, and community organizations to provide essential supportive services to Veterans, including employment assistance, housing assistance, medical care, wellness programs, legal support, and prevention services. For more information, it directs visitors to nechv.org/StandDown or email StandDown@nechv.org. At the bottom, there are four logos: the Department of Veterans Affairs seal, the New England Center and Home for Veterans logo, the City of Boston Veterans' Services logo, and the Department of Veterans Affairs seal.


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Commonwealth Employee Performance Recognition Program (PRP)

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The RMV presented Commonwealth Certificate of Achievement Award to 4 groups and 17 individuals at Polar Park on September 5th.

