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## Department of Driver Services (DDS) Changes License Labeling/Class for Non-Commercial Vehicle License Types

Department of Driver Services (DDS) has implemented a license Class change for drivers of non-commercial motor vehicles. In Georgia, vehicles are classified according to the type of license required to operate them, which is based on their Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). Presently, Class A and B licenses, may be either Commercial or Non-Commercial. Effective immediately, anyone who previously would have been issued a non-commercial Class A driver's license will be changing to a non-commercial Class E license. Non-commercial Class B driver's licenses will be changing to a non-commercial Class F driver's license. Distinguishing the commercial and non-commercial license types will help clarify the types of vehicles each driver is eligible to operate, simplify DDS' business processes and ultimately improve customer service.

The qualifications, testing procedures and issuance process for each class of license will remain the same. Vehicles which require a non-commercial Class A or B (now E and F) license are agricultural vehicles, military vehicles, and firefighter /emergency vehicles.

The GVWR information for these two types of licenses is listed below:

Class E—Any combination of vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds, provided the GVWR of the vehicle being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.

Class F—Any single vehicle with a GVWR in excess of 26,001 pounds or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a GVWR not in excess of 10,000 pounds.

**No action is required for those customers who already hold a non-commercial Class A or B driver's license. The DDS will convert a non-commercial class A or B to the appropriate E or F whenever each customer comes in for his or her next license renewal.**

For driver services information including many online services, please visit [www.dds.ga.gov](http://www.dds.ga.gov).

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