



DELAWARE STATE FIRE COMMISSION

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

New Emergency Vehicle Operator (EVO) Process

Purpose of the Changes

- Establish one consistent statewide EVO process.
- Ensure EVO training is completed, documented, and verifiable.
- Create a centralized Commission record of EVO-qualified individuals.
- Clearly define the responsibilities of the Fire School, Fire Commission, and DMV.
- Improve accountability and eliminate inconsistent EVO documentation.

1. EVO Course — New Requirement

Going forward:

- Anyone seeking a Delaware EVO endorsement will be required to complete the Delaware State Fire School-approved EVO course.
- The course will be in person only in the near future.
- If a person holds an EVO from another state that meets or exceeds the fire school curriculum, they may be issued a waiver. This ensures everyone receives the same instruction and practical training under Delaware's established standards.
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2. Fire School Certification of Completion

After completing the EVO course:

- Fire School will issue a Certification of Completion.
- Applicants will have 6 months to complete the process or they will be required to retake the class.
- The certificate confirms the individual completed the required training.
- The certificate will be used to begin the Commission/DMV endorsement process.

Important Change:

Fire School will no longer issue EVO endorsement cards.

3. Fire Commission Application

After completing the course:

Student → Fire Commission

- Student submits the Commission's EVO application.
- Commission verifies successful completion of the Fire School course.
- Commission maintains the official EVO record.
- Commission provides the documentation needed to proceed to DMV.
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Key Point:

The Fire Commission becomes the central recordkeeper for EVO qualification and certification.

4. DMV Endorsement

After receiving Commission documentation:

Student → DMV

The DMV will process and issue the EVO endorsement.

Delaware Driver's License Holder

- The EVO endorsement will be placed on the individual's Delaware driver's license.
- The DMV will issue a new Delaware driver's license showing the EVO endorsement.

Out-of-State Driver's License Holder

- EVO endorsement will not be placed on the individual's out-of-state license.
- The DMV will issue a separate EVO endorsement card/document.

5. Out-of-State EVO Certifications

Someone with a current EVO certification from another state may request a waiver from the Delaware State Fire Commission.

Important:

An out-of-state EVO card does NOT automatically qualify the individual for a waiver.

The applicant must:

- Submit a waiver request to the Fire Commission.
- Provide proof of the out-of-state training.
- Provide the applicable course curriculum.
- Provide documentation showing successful completion.

The Commission will determine whether the training meets or exceeds Delaware's requirements.

If Approved:

- Waiver is granted.
- Applicant receives the documentation needed to proceed to DMV.

If Not Approved:

- Applicants must complete the Delaware State Fire School EVO course.

The Fire Commission has final authority on equivalency.



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6. Who Does What?

Agency	Responsibility
Delaware State Fire School	Provides EVO training, conducts course in person, determines successful completion, issues Certification of Completion (valid for 6 months to complete application process)
Delaware State Fire Commission	Processes applications, verifies training, maintains official records, reviews out-of-state waivers, provides DMV documentation
Delaware DMV	Processes and issues the EVO endorsement

7. Why Are We Making These Changes?

The current process does not give the Fire Commission or the DMV a complete, centralized record of individuals who have obtained EVO qualifications and endorsements.

The new process will:

- Create one official record.
- Improve accountability.
- Ensure training is consistent.
- Eliminate inconsistent EVO cards/documentation.
- Establish clear agency responsibilities.
- Make it easier to verify an individual's EVO qualification.
- Provide a reliable record for future enforcement, compliance, and regulatory purposes.

8. Implementation

- The Fire Commission is currently updating its regulations to include the new process.

9. Questions / Contact the Commission

Direct questions about the new EVO requirements, applications, certifications, waivers, or DMV documentation to the Delaware State Fire Commission.

Please do not rely on informal or secondhand information regarding the new process. Contact the Commission directly for clarification and official guidance.

Bottom Line

Fire School trains and certifies completion.

Fire Commission verifies, certifies and maintains the official record.

DMV issues the EVO endorsement.

Questions? Please contact the Delaware State Fire Commission.