



Transportation Security Administration
Enrollment Services & Vetting Programs
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6028

TSA PreCheck™ for HME | FAQs

Qualifying Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) holders are now eligible for TSA PreCheck™ at no cost and no extra enrollment. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has identified efficiencies across vetting programs, eliminating redundancies, and reducing the administrative and cost burdens to applicants for vetting and credentialing.

The HME Threat Assessment Program is a regulated vetting program that requires TSA to conduct a Security Threat Assessment (STA) to determine if an individual requiring specific transportation-related access poses a threat to national or transportation security. Given the similarity to the threat assessment performed on TSA PreCheck members, many HME applicants meet the criteria for the TSA PreCheck Application Program and may be eligible for expedited security screening.

In addition to having a valid STA, the credential holder must meet citizenship and residency requirements, and the credential must have been approved without a waiver. HME holders must use the two-letter State abbreviation followed by the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) number printed on their state-issued CDL in the Known Traveler Number field of each reservation made with a participating airline or in airline profiles.

TSA will notify eligible HME holders of this offering via the TSA public website; stakeholder events; customer service representatives; and Federal, State, and local partners. TSA developed the following FAQs to initiate outreach to eligible transportation workers.

Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HME) Threat Assessment Program

Q: Does my HME enrollment include access to TSA PreCheck™?

A: If you have an active HME security threat assessment, and meet the eligibility requirements for the TSA PreCheck Application Program, you are eligible for expedited security screening using the two-letter state abbreviation for the state that issued your Commercial Driver's License (CDL) followed by your CDL identification number (e.g., NY123456 for a State of New York CDL) in the appropriate Known Traveler Number (KTN) field of your airline reservations and airline profiles.

Q: Are all HME holders eligible for TSA PreCheck™?

A: No. Only CDL holders with an active HME security threat assessment who meet the TSA PreCheck Application Program's eligibility requirements may obtain TSA PreCheck.

Eligibility for TSA PreCheck Application Program membership is only open to U.S. Citizens, U.S. nationals, and lawful permanent residents. Active HME holders who obtained an HME via a waiver from TSA are not eligible for TSA PreCheck.

Q: Do I need to apply for TSA PreCheck™ separate from my HME enrollment?

A: No. Active HME holders who meet the TSA PreCheck Application Program's eligibility requirements will be eligible for TSA PreCheck without a separate enrollment in the TSA PreCheck Application Program.

Q: How much does it cost to add TSA PreCheck™ eligibility to my HME enrollment?

A: There is no additional cost to eligible HME holders for TSA PreCheck. Where eligible, TSA PreCheck expedited screening is included with the HME enrollment.

Q: Will I receive a Known Traveler Number (KTN)?

A: No. Your two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL identification number serve as your KTN. Active HME holders will not receive a separate KTN from TSA. HME holders eligible for TSA PreCheck must include their two-letter State abbreviation followed by

the state-issued CDL number printed on their state-issued CDL in the Known Traveler Number field of each reservation made with a participating airline or in airline profiles.

You should also add the two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL identification number as your KTN when booking reservations online via a participating airline website, by phone with an airline reservation agent, or with the travel management company making reservations. Your two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL identification number serve as your KTN, so save it to any frequent flyer profiles, employer booking systems, or online travel websites that you use. Ensure that your name and date of birth on your flight reservation and airline profiles matches your name and date of birth provided when you applied for your HME.

Q: When will HME holders become eligible for TSA PreCheck™ expedited screening?

A: On April 15, 2020, active HME holders who are eligible for TSA PreCheck began receiving this eligibility for expedited screening. *(Note: Due to priorities associated with the COVID-19 National Emergency, TSA postponed marketing for this new capability until June 2020.)*

Q: How will I know that I have TSA PreCheck™?

A: Take the first step. When booking a reservation, supply your two-letter State abbreviation and state-issued CDL number as your KTN. Participating airlines print a TSA PreCheck indicator directly on your boarding pass if you are eligible for TSA PreCheck on that flight based on your submitted State abbreviation and CDL number as your KTN. If you do not have a valid boarding pass with the TSA PreCheck indicator printed on your boarding pass, you may not access the TSA PreCheck lane.

Q: Can I use my State-issued CDL with HME to enter the TSA PreCheck™ lane at the airport?

A: To enter the TSA PreCheck lane, you must present a valid boarding pass with a TSA PreCheck indicator printed on the boarding pass. If you do not have a valid boarding pass with the TSA PreCheck indicator printed on your boarding pass, you may not access the TSA PreCheck lane. Your State-issued CDL with HME can continue to serve as valid identification at the checkpoint. *(Note: Beginning October 1, 2021, a State-issued CDL must be a REAL ID to serve as valid identification. Please visit <https://www.dhs.gov/real-id> for more information.)*

Q: I am both a TSA PreCheck™ Application Program member and active HME holder. Should I use my KTN or State Abbreviation + CDL Number for my airline reservation?

A: Both your KTN and State Abbreviation + CDL Number are valid to obtain TSA PreCheck eligibility. You may enter either the TSA PreCheck KTN or State Abbreviation + CDL Number into your airline reservation.

Q: Where can I find more information on TSA PreCheck™?

A: Please visit <https://www.tsa.gov/precheck>.

*TSA PreCheck™ Eligibility for HME FAQ
Updated: June 3, 2020*