

CDL Classifications

Representative Vehicle Examples

CLASS A CDL

Any **combination of vehicles** with a GVWR of 26,001 or more lbs. provided **the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 lbs.**

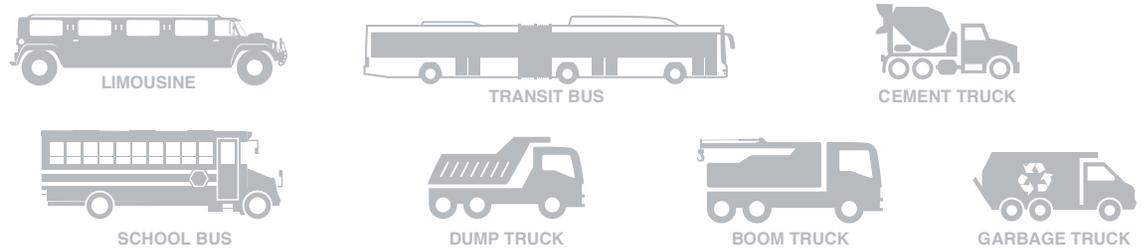
A common Class A vehicle is a tractor trailer also known as a semi.



CLASS B CDL

Any **single vehicle** with a GVWR of 26,001 or more lbs. or **any such vehicle towing a vehicle NOT in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVWR.**

Common vehicles include school buses, dump trucks and straight trucks.



CLASS C CDL

Any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that **does not meet the definition of Class A or B**, but is either **designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, or is placarded for hazardous materials.**



COMMERCIAL LEARNER'S PERMIT (CLP)

- ✔ You must have a CLP for at least 14 days before getting an initial CDL or a CDL upgrade, if it requires a skills test.
- ✔ You can't take a skills test during the first 14 days after issuance. Scheduling a skills test when issuing the CLP is OK, as long as it is scheduled 15 days or more after the CLP was issued.
- ✔ Your CLP is valid for one year from the date of issuance, with no renewal period.

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING (ELDT)

Beginning February 7, 2022, FMCSA regulations require that all entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles receive training from a provider listed on FMCSA's Training Provider Registry.
<https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

DRIVERS MUST TEST IN A REPRESENTATIVE VEHICLE.

CDL RENEWALS (PROOF OF LAWFUL PRESENCE)

U.S. citizens are only required to show proof of lawful presence one time. When renewing their CDL, drivers will need to **bring one of the following documents:**

- Certified copy of US Birth Certificate
- Valid US Passport
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA)
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Permanent resident card
- Employment authorization document (EAD) or I-94 document

	Licensing requirements		Possible endorsements and restrictions that may be added to the license based on the type of vehicle driven	
	KNOWLEDGE TESTS REQUIRED	REQUIRED TESTING	POSSIBLE ENDORSEMENT	POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ■ Blue Text - Restrictions only added to a CLP
CLASS A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General knowledge exam Combination Vehicle- knowledge exam Air brake – knowledge exam (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Trip Inspection Basic Skills Road Test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H– Hazardous Materials N– Tank Vehicle T– Doubles/Triples X– Hazmat & Tank comb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E– No manual transmission equipped CMV K– CDL Intrastate Only L– No air brake equipped CMV M– No Class A passenger vehicle N– No Class A & B passenger vehicle O– No tractor trailer CMV V– CDL Medical Variance X– No cargo in a CMV tank vehicle Z– No full airbrake equipped CMV
CLASS B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General knowledge exam Air brake – knowledge exam (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Trip Inspection Basic Skills Road Test <p>Adding the following endorsements always requires pretrip/ skills/road testing: P - Passenger vehicle S - School bus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H– Hazardous Material N– Tank Vehicle P– Passenger Vehicle S– School Bus X– Hazmat & Tank comb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E– No manual transmission equipped CMV K– CDL Intrastate Only L– No air brake equipped CMV N– No Class A & B passenger vehicle P– No Passengers in a CMV Bus V– CDL Medical Variance X– No cargo in a CMV tank vehicle Z– No full airbrake equipped CMV
CLASS C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General knowledge exam Air brake – knowledge exam (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Trip Inspection Basic Skills Road Test <p>Adding the following endorsements always requires pretrip/ skills/road testing: P - Passenger vehicle S - School bus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H– Hazardous Materials N– Tank Vehicle P– Passenger Vehicle S– School Bus X– Hazmat & Tank comb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E– No manual transmission equipped CMV K– CDL Intrastate Only L– No air brake equipped CMV P– No Passengers in a CMV Bus V– CDL Medical Variance X– No Cargo in a CMV tank vehicle Z– No full airbrake equipped CMV