CDL Classifications

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

#### KNOWLEDGE TESTS REQUIRED

- General knowledge exam
- Combination Vehicle- knowledge exam
- Air brake – knowledge exam (if applicable)

#### REQUIRED TESTING

- Pre-Trip Inspection
- Basic Skills
- Road Test

#### POSSIBLE ENDORSEMENTS

- **H** – Hazardous Materials
- **N** – Tank Vehicle
- **T** – Doubles/Triples
- **X** – Hazmat & Tank comb

#### POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS

- **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

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