

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.**

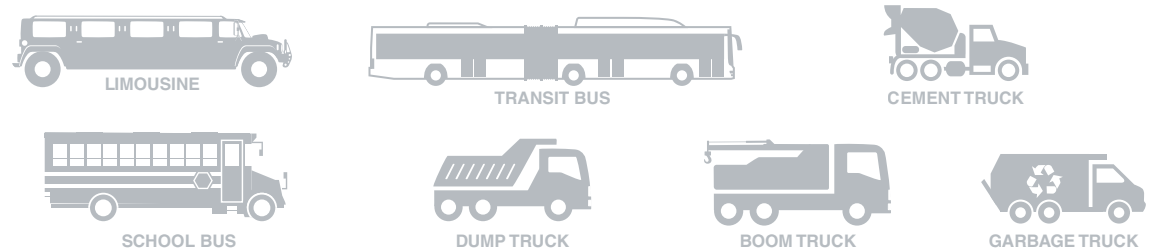
A common Class A vehicle is a tractor trailer also known as a semi.



CLASS B CDL

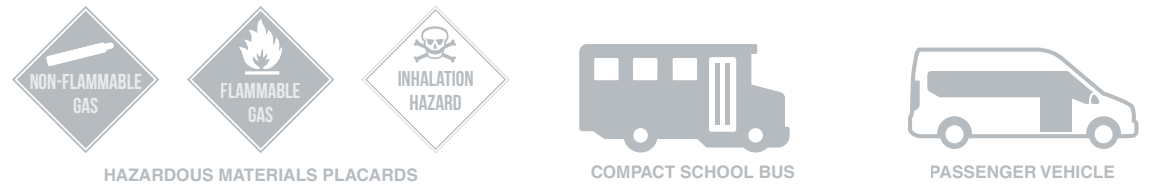
Any **single vehicle** with a GVWR of 26,001 or more lbs. or **any such vehicle towing a vehicle NOT in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVWR.**

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)

- ✔ The customer must have a CLP for at least 14 days before getting an initial CDL or a CDL upgrade, if it requires a skills test.
- ✔ CLP holder 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.
- ✔ CLP is valid for no more than 180 days.
- ✔ A CLP is renewable for an additional 180 day period without retaking the knowledge tests. A second renewal requires new knowledge tests.

NEW RESTRICTIONS

- E** – No manual transmission equipped CMV
- O** – No tractor-trailer CMV (see below)
- Z** – No full air brake equipped CMV

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 | |
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| | KNOWLEDGE TESTS REQUIRED | REQUIRED TESTING | POSSIBLE ENDORSEMENT | POSSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ■ Blue Text - Restrictions only added to a CLP |
| CLASS A | <p>General Knowledge knowledge exam</p> <p>Combination Vehicle-knowledge exam</p> <p>Air brake – knowledge exam (if applicable)</p> | <p>Pre-Trip Inspection</p> <p>Basic Skills</p> <p>Road Test</p> | <p>H - Hazardous Materials</p> <p>N - Tank Vehicle</p> <p>T - Doubles/Triples</p> <p>X - Hazmat & Tank comb</p> | <p>E - No manual transmission equipped CMV</p> <p>K - CDL Intrastate Only</p> <p>L - No air brake equipped CMV</p> <p>O - No tractor trailer CMV</p> <p>V - CDL Medical Variance</p> <p>X - No cargo in a CMV tank vehicle</p> <p>Z - No full airbrake equipped CMV</p> |
| CLASS B | <p>General Knowledge – knowledge exam</p> <p>Air brake – knowledge exam (if applicable)</p> | <p>Pre-Trip Inspection</p> <p>Basic Skills</p> <p>Road Test</p> <p>Adding the following endorsements always requires pretrip/ skills/road testing:</p> <p>P - Passenger vehicle</p> <p>S - School bus</p> | <p>H - Hazardous Material</p> <p>N - Tank Vehicle</p> <p>P - Passenger Vehicle</p> <p>S - School Bus</p> <p>X - Hazmat & Tank comb</p> | <p>E - No manual transmission equipped CMV</p> <p>K - CDL Intrastate Only</p> <p>L - No air brake equipped CMV</p> <p>M - No Class</p> <p>A - passenger vehicle</p> <p>N - No Class A & B passenger vehicle</p> <p>P - No Passengers in a CMV Bus</p> <p>V - CDL Medical Variance</p> <p>X - No cargo in a CMV tank vehicle</p> <p>Z - No full airbrake equipped CMV</p> |
| CLASS C | <p>General Knowledge – knowledge exam</p> <p>Air brake – knowledge exam (if applicable)</p> | <p>Pre-Trip Inspection</p> <p>Basic Skills</p> <p>Road Test</p> <p>Adding the following endorsements always requires pretrip/ skills/road testing:</p> <p>P - Passenger vehicle</p> <p>S - School bus</p> | <p>H - Hazardous Materials</p> <p>N - Tank Vehicle</p> <p>P - Passenger Vehicle</p> <p>S - School Bus</p> <p>X - Hazmat & Tank comb</p> | <p>E - No manual transmission equipped CMV</p> <p>K - CDL Intrastate Only</p> <p>L - No air brake equipped CMV</p> <p>M - No Class A passenger vehicle</p> <p>N - No Class A & B passenger vehicle</p> <p>P - No Passengers in a CMV Bus</p> <p>V - CDL Medical Variance</p> <p>X - No Cargo in a CMV tank vehicle</p> <p>Z - No full airbrake equipped CMV</p> |