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What are CDL driver license requirements? This is probably the question that brought you here. Relax, I will explain everything you need to do. The first thing you need to know is what kinds of tests you will have to pass in order to get your CDL. Getting a CDL (commercial drivers license) in the United States requires that you pass several different written and driving tests, regardless of the state you are in. Whether you are seeking a CDL in Illinois or Texas passing these tests is a requirement. These are the tests, both written and driving, you will have to pass to get your CDL.1. General Knowledge Test 2. Endorsement Test(s) 3. Commercial Vehicle Pre-Trip Inspection Test 4. CDL Basic Skills Driving Test 5. CDL Road Driving Test Getting Your CLP (Commercial Learners Permit)Before you start learning how to drive a commercial vehicle you will first need to get your commercial learners permit (CLP). The CLP is legal documentation that you have passed the general knowledge test and are allowed to practice driving a commercial vehicle. Whether you plan on completing your CDL training at a local community college or a private CDL school you need to have your CLP before they will allow you to drive any of their commercial vehicles. Even with the CLP you will not be allowed to drive the vehicle by yourself, you will have to have someone with a valid CDL seated next to you in the vehicle at all times while you are driving. Once you receive your CLP it is valid for 180 days from the date it was issued to you, this gives you enough time to complete your CDL training and all the other necessary tests so that you can get your CDL and start your driving career. Dont worry, passing the general knowledge test is not very difficult but it will require some studying on your part. Lets take a closer look at the general knowledge test.CDL General Knowledge TestAll states require CDL candidates to pass a multiple choice test called the general knowledge test at their local DMV in order to get a CLP. The test is usually 30 or more multiple choice questions and is easy to prepare for. There are two ways to prepare for the general knowledge test. The first way is to download and study from your states CDL manual. I have each states CDL manual free for download here. The second way to prepare for the test is to take free general knowledge practice tests online. I have a free test here that I encourage you to take several times until you are comfortable with the material you are expected to know. States generally require that you score 80% or better on the test in order to pass it. Once you pass the test and get your CLP it is valid for 180 days after it was issued to you. CDL General Knowledge Practice TestAfter studying your states CDL manual you should complete my free general knowledge practice test. You can find the free exam here. I encourage you to take the test many times as possible until you are confident that you are prepared for the test. Make sure you are going back into your state manual to find the answers to missed questions.Studying From State CDL ManualsWhether you are seeking a Class A, B, or C license there are the specific sections from your state manual that you will need to study in order to pass the CDL general knowledge test. Additional sections may be needed if you are seeking an endorsement. Remember, manuals from all states are generally the same so these sections will apply to you regardless of the state you are in. You can find your states free CDL manual here. Below is an summary of each section you should be reading and studying from.Section 1: Introduction: This section is has general information regarding the CDL. Topics include: Information about who must obtain a CDL. Who is exempt from obtaining a CDL Endorsements Information about the CDL general knowledge exam and the skills/driving test Required documents, including the DOT Medical Exam Card Regulations and disqualifications Traffic violations in a personal vehicle Distracted driving Vehicle length, height, and weight restrictions Vehicle lightingSection 2: Driving Safely: This section contains knowledge and safe driving information that every commercial vehicle driver should know. Topics include: Vehicle inspection Basic control of your vehicle Shifting gears Space management Winter driving Mountain driving Fires Driving emergencies Staying alert Accident procedures Braking distance Managing space Driving at night. What to do when you become sleepySection 3: Transporting Cargo Safely: In this section you will learn about the proper ways to load and secure cargo. Topics include: Inspecting cargo Cargo weight and balance Securing cargo Cargo needing special attentionSection 5: Air Brakes: This section focuses on air brakes. If you intend to drive a commercial vehicle with air brakes you will need to study this section as well. Many Class A, B, and C vehicles utilize air brakes. Topics in this section include: Air brake system parts Dual air brake systems Inspecting air brakes Using air brakesSection 6: Combination Vehicles: This section is for drivers seeking a Class A CDL only. In this section you will learn about combination vehicles such as tractor-trailers, double trailers, triple trailers, and straight trucks with trailers. Section 7 of your state manual should also be reviewed if you are going to drive doubles or triples. Topics include: Driving combinations Combination vehicle air brakes Anti-lock brake systems Coupling and uncoupling Inspecting combinations CDL Endorsement Tests: Depending on which kind of commercial vehicle you plan on driving you may be required to take some endorsement tests along with the general knowledge test. I have an article where I explain endorsements in more detail, you can find it here.What Happens After The General Knowledge TestOnce you have passed the general knowledge test and received your CLP (commercial learners permit) you are allowed to practice driving an actual commercial vehicle and begin training for the CDL driving tests. The driving portion of the CDL tests is comprised of three tests; the pre-trip vehicle inspection test, the basic vehicle control skills test, and the road driving test. These tests are conducted at your local DMV facility that is capable of testing CDL drivers. Lets take a look at each one of them.CDL Pre-Trip Vehicle Inspection TestThe pre-trip inspection test determines whether or not you know how to inspect your commercial vehicle correctly before driving it. Your job is to make sure that you can demonstrate to an examiner that the vehicle you are driving is safe to drive and that you are familiar with its external and internal parts. Also, you are expected to bring the vehicle with you that you will be testing with. You will have an examiner assigned to you and you will be required to walk around the vehicle and point to external and internal parts and explain what you are checking and why you are checking it. Make sure you are very familiar with the vehicle you are going to be driving because the examiner is going to ask you to explain and check different parts during the inspection.How To Study For Pre-Trip Inspection ExamThere are two ways you can prepare yourself for this exam. The first way is to study Section 12 of your state CDL manual. The second way to study for the pre-trip inspection exam is to watch a video where someone demonstrates the inspection. Let me explain what you need to study and show you a video I recommend you watch.Study From State CDL Manual For Pre Trip InspectionThis is an outline of the 12th section from the state manual you should be familiar with. These are the internal and external components that the examiner will expect you to identify and describe.Section 12: Pre-trip vehicle inspection test: This section has all you need to know about regarding the vehicle inspection test, topics include the following: Engine compartment: hoses, leaks, oil level, coolant level, power steering fluid, engine compartment belts, and safe start Cab check/engine start: oil pressure gauge, temperature gauge, air gauge, voltmeter, mirrors and windshield, emergency equipment, steering plan, wipers/washers, lights and reflectors, pedals, horn, heater/defroster, parking brake check, air brake check, system leak check, and safety belt External inspection: steering box and hoses, steering linkage, springs, mounts, shock absorbers, brakes, brake chambers, brake lines, drum brake, brake linings, wheels, rms, axle seals, lug nuts, and spacers Side of vehicle: doors and mirrors, fuel tank, battery/box, drive shaft, exhaust system, and frame Rear of vehicle: splash guards, doors, and liftsTractor/Coupling: air/electric lines, catwalk, mounting bolts, hitch release lever, locking jaws, fifth wheel skid plate, kingpin, apron, gap, locking pins, sliding pintle, draw bar, and tongue storage areaTrailer front: air/electrical connections and header boardTrailer side: landing gear, doors, ties, lifts, and frame Remainder of trailer: wheels, suspension system, brakes, doors, and splash guards CDL Pre-Trip Inspection Test VideoTo give you an idea of what to expect and what you should know and be able to demonstrate it you should put aside some time to watch the pre-trip vehicle inspection video below. Its a good idea to watch the video several times so that you are comfortable with the inspection process.CDL Basic Skills TestOnce you have passed the pre-trip inspection test the next test on the list is called the basic vehicle control skills test. The basic skills test is the first test that you will be behind the wheel for. There will once again be an examiner with you during this test that will be scoring your performance. The CDL school where you received your training will prepare you for each of the exercises that you have to complete. These are driving tests on a closed course, not public roads. As always it is a good idea to refer to your states CDL manual for state specific information as well. You can access state manuals here for free.CDL Basic Skills Test Score SheetFor the basic skills test there is a scoring system that you need to be aware of, these 4 measures is what your examiner is going to base your final score on. It is vital that you know ahead of time what scoring expectations are so that you are able to focus on these vehicle control skills and pass the test on your first try. You need to know about encroachments, pull-ups, outside vehicle observations, and final position.Encroachments: The examiner will score the amount of times you cross over a boundary line with any portion on the vehicle. Each encroachment will count as an error. If you get more than three encroachments on an individual exercise you will fail the test.Pull-ups: When the driver stops and to get a better direction this is called a pull-up. You are allowed two pull-ups for each exercise except for the straight line backing. During the straight line backing you are only allowed one pull-up. If you use more pull-ups that is allowed for any one exercise you will fail the test.Outside Vehicle Observations: You are allowed to safely stop and exit the vehicle to check the vehicles position. When you do this be sure to place the vehicle in neutral and set the parking brake. When exiting the vehicle you must be facing the vehicle and maintaining three points of contact with the vehicle at all times. If you dont safely secure the vehicle or exit the vehicle correctly it may result in a failing score. For each exercise you will be allowed two outside vehicle observations except for the straight line backing which you are allowed only one. Be careful and use these wisely because using too many of them means you will fail the basic skills test.Final Position: It is important that you listen to your examiner and finish each exercise exactly how he/she tells you to. If you dont finish each exercise in the position the examiner tells you the vehicle should be in you may fail the test. Listen to what the examiner tells you and be sure that your final position is exactly how he/she wants it to be.Total Points: the maximum number of points for the basic control skills test is 12 points. If you accumulate more than 12 points using the scoring system explained above you will fail the test and will have to retake it at a later date.Now that you know about the basic skills scoring system lets take a look at each exercise so that you know what you will be preparing for. You will need to pay attention to the cone layout. This can also be found in your states CDL manual, you can download it for free here.Basic Skills Test Cone LayoutDuring this test there are 6 exercises that you may be asked to demonstrate. Lets take a look at exercise and the cone layout for each one. Straight line backing: Backing your vehicle in a straight line between cones. To get a better idea of what you have to do take a look at diagram below.Straight Line Backing Offset backing/right: In this exercise you will be asked to back into a space that is to the right rear of your vehicle. You will have to drive straight forward and back your vehicle into that space without hitting the side or rear boundary. Also, you will have to completely put your vehicle into the space. Take a moment to study the diagram below so you know what to expect.Offset Backing Right-Offset backing/left: This exercise is similar to the previous one except this time you will have to back your vehicle into a space that is to the left rear. You will have to drive straight forward and back your vehicle into the space without hitting any cones.Offset Backing Left Parallel park (Driver Side): To complete this exercise you will have to drive past the parking space on your left and then back into it bringing the rear of your commercial vehicle as close as possible to the rear of the space without crossing the side or rear cones. You will have to be able to put the complete vehicle into the space. Be sure to study the cone layout below for this exercise.Parallel Park Driver Side Parallel Park (Conventional): For this exercise you will have to drive past the parking space on your right and then back into it bringing the rear of the vehicle as close as possible to the rear of the space without crossing the side or rear cones. It is required that your entire vehicle is in the space when you complete this exercise.Parallel Park Conventional Alley Dock: To pass this exercise you will need to be able to sight-side back your vehicle into an alley, bringing the rear of the vehicle as close as possible to the rear of the alley cones without hitting them. Your entire vehicle has to be completely in the alley and it should be straight.Alley Dock CDL Road Driving TestPreparing for the CDL driving test is the final obstacle between you and getting your CDL. The CDL road test is also done with an examiner at your side making sure you are not making any mistakes. Knowing what to expect during the road test and training properly can be the difference between passing and failing. During the road test you should drive as safely as possible, wear your seat belt, obey traffic laws, and complete the test without an accidents or violations. Dont even think about turning on the radio during the driving test and dont forget to turn off your cell phone.During this test the examiner will be scoring you on specific driving maneuvers as well as general driver ability and knowledge. Follow the directions given to you by the examiner exactly like he/she says. Remember, the examiner is the person that is going to decide if you pass or fail the CDL road test.I always suggest you visit your states CDL manual for specific information regarding any of the CDL tests you are taking. This one is no different, you can get your free CDL manual here. Generally speaking all states have the same federal standards that must be followed regarding the road driving test. Here is an outline of what you can expect during the test and what you should be training for at your CDL school.Section 14: On-Road Driving: The following are the maneuvers you should be able to complete safely during the CDL driving test.Turns: You will be asked to make a turn during the test. Some things to be aware of: What to do as you approach the turn-What to do if you have to stop in order to make the turn-What to do when you are ready to turn-Continuing after the turnIntersections: During the driving test you will be asked to approach an intersection. Here is what you need to be aware of: What to do as you approach the intersection When driving through the intersection Once you are through the intersectionLane Changes: During the test you will be asked to change lanes several times. Make sure you make the proper safety checks and use your turn signals.Expressway: You will be asked to enter, drive on, and exit an expressway. Be aware of the following: What to do before entering the expressway How to drive once on the expressway What to do when exiting the expresswayStop/Start: The examiner will ask you to pull your vehicle to the side of the road and stop as though you are going to exit the vehicle to check something on it. Be sure to use caution when doing this. You should be aware of the following: What to do as you prepare to stop What you should do once you have stopped the vehicle What to do when you are instructed to resume drivingRailroad Crossing: At some point of the driving test you will have to pass railroad tracks. This is what you need to know: Make sure you know what to do when you are approaching the railroad crossing. If you are driving a vehicle that is displaying placards be sure you know what is expected of you. It is different than a vehicle that is not displaying placards. Note: if the examiner does not have railroad tracks nearby you will be asked to instead describe what you would do if you arrived at a railroad crossingBridge/Overpass/Sign: After driving under an overpass you will be asked what the posted maximum height was. Make sure you are reading signs so that you answer correctly. After passing a bridge you will be asked what the posted maximum weight limit was. Be prepared to let the examiner know what it was.Clutch Usage: Be sure to always use the clutch to shift and dont ride the clutch to control your speed.Gear Usage (manual transmission): Dont grind or clash gears and dont shift in turns or intersections.Brake Usage: Dont ride or pump brake and make sure you are braking smoothly throughout the test.Lane Usage: Dont go over curbs, cones, sidewalks, or lane markings. Make sure you stop behind stop lines, stop signs, and crosswalks. When possible you should move into the right most lane carefully.Steering: Avoid over and under steer. Also, keep both hands on the steering wheel throughout the test.Regular Traffic Checks: You should be checking traffic regularly through windows and mirrors.Use of Turn Signals: Use the turn signals properly. When needed make sure you activate turn signals and dont cancel turn signals when they are no longer needed.Upgrade and Downgrade: Make sure to select the proper speed during an upgrade or downgrade and move to the right most lane if possible. Use your four-way flashers if you are moving slower than the traffic around you.CDL Testing TipsNow that you know which tests you have to pass in order to get your CDL lets take a look at what else you can do (other than formal training) to pass all of the tests.1. Practice CDL tests: One of the best ways to ease the stress of taking the tests is to take some practice tests ahead of time so that you know what to expect the day of the test. You can access all of my free CDL practice tests here and are encouraged to complete them as many times as possible so that the information sinks in. Finally, during your CDL training classes you need to stay focused on your driving so that you are learning as much as possible. Being active during your training will translate into testing success.2. Study: The best resource that is available to you for the CDL general knowledge test is your state CDL manual. You can access your free CDL manual here. We cant stress this enough, take the time to read and reread the manual along with our CDL general knowledge practice tests here.3. Test taking strategies 101: Remember high school multiple choice tests? The general knowledge and endorsement tests is not much different. Go through the multiple choice answers and weed out the ones that you know are not the correct answers until you find the correct one.4. Refer to your CDL training: Remember the training that you received while you were in CDL school. Think back to how you were trained to drive your commercial vehicle correctly and apply it to the basic skills and road driving test. CDL schools know exactly what you will be tested on and are really good about preparing drivers to pass each CDL test on the first try.5. Sleep Well: The night before any of the tests be sure to get at least 8 hours of sleep. Make sure you are rested when you wake up for the day of the test. Eat a good breakfast before completing your CDL training and getting your CDL is a rewarding experience. By passing the required tests, receiving quality training, and good study habits you will be on your way to starting a new and exciting career as a commercial vehicle driver. Congratulations! Written by Andrei Zakharovskii With over 16 years of experience, Andrei leads Driving-Tests.org, a top online resource for driver education. 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These endorsements, such as Air Brakes, Hazardous Materials (Hazmat), Tankers, or Passenger Vehicles, are crucial for legally operating specific vehicles such as those with air brakes, tank trucks, hazardous material transporters, or passenger carriers. To secure a CDL and these endorsements, passing a written test is always a requirement, and in some cases, a skills test is also necessary. For endorsements like Hazmat, additional steps are involved, including fingerprinting and a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security threat assessment. These processes ensure that drivers are thoroughly prepared and vetted for the responsibilities of handling commercial vehicles and sensitive materials. What is a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) also known as a CLP or a CDL permit?In short, a CLP is the first step in getting your CDL. You need a CLP to practice driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). An applicant receives a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) after they pass the required knowledge tests for the CMV class and the endorsements he or she wishes to obtain. The CLP authorizes the holder to operate a CMV in the same class and with the same endorsements as the CDL, but only when accompanied by the holder of a valid commercial driver's license with the appropriate endorsements for the vehicle being operated. The CLP holder must practice driving with a licensed driver with the proper endorsements for at least 14 days before taking the skills test.Getting a CDL License OverviewAll license classes (A, B, and C) have the same basic requirements. However, there are additional items for each license class - those requirements are outlined in their respective sections.Steps Required to Get a CDL.License in 2025Be at least 21 years of age (at least 18 years of age to drive intrastate)If you wish to obtain a Class A or Class B CDL, you must complete driver training from FMCSA-approved training providers. (See note below.)Submit your states CDL Application and pay the appropriate feeProvide identity and Social Security number verification (check your states requirements)Provide proof of state and US residencySubmit a completed Medical Examination Report Form and Medical Examiners Certificate FormPass a vision testPass a knowledge examAfter passing, be issued a Commercial Learners Permit (CLP)Wait a minimum of 14 days before you can schedule your CDL road skills examinationPass a pre-trip inspectionPass the road skills and driving examination (you must bring your own vehicle)After passing, pay the necessary fees for your new CDL. (Optionally, submit a 10-Year Record Check if youve had a drivers license in any state or jurisdiction other than the one where you are applying for your CDL)Note: If you wish to obtain a Class A or Class B CDL, you must receive theory training from an approved theory training provider listed in the FMCSA Training Provider Registry (TPR). Once you complete this training, your provider will send your training records to the TPR. Then your state DMV will allow you to take the official written knowledge test for a CLP. Likewise, you must receive behind-the-wheel (BTW) training from an approved BTW training provider listed in the TPR. Once you complete this training, your provider will send your training records to the TPR. Then your state DMV will allow you to take the official skills test for a CDL.Note: If you are a military veteran with experience driving military buses or military trucks, your state may allow you to waive any or all of the following written tests: CDL General Knowledge, Passenger, Tanker, or Hazmat, with proof of relevant military experience. Every state will also allow you to waive the driving test.Getting your commercial drivers license makes you part of an industry that moves the lifeblood of the US economy. While everyone sees trucks on the road, they dont realize those trucks are moving 70% of the freight in the United States freight accounting for over \$670 billion, more than the yearly income of the entire country of Switzerland! The average American requires the movement of 57 tons of cargo per year for everyday activities. As a result, trucks are being loaded all around the countryFor the various types of commercial driver's license, the basic requirements are federally mandated, but states are allowed to impose additional requirements of their own.For example, it is a federal law that you must be 21 years of age or older to drive commercially interstate. However, many states will issue a CDL strictly for intrastate driving for those who are 18 or older; check your state regulations. When you are ready to apply for your CDL and youve filled out your states CDL application, youll need to provide proof of the following:your social security number,your identity, andyour residency.Documents accepted as proof of your social security number by most states usually include your social security card, a Medicare ID card, a current ID card from any of the US Armed Forces (active, retired, reserve, or dependent), or a military separation document, otherwise known as a DD-214. Some states may accept some other forms of social security number proof, so check before you go.The list of documents accepted as proof of your identity varies even more by state. Some of the most commonly accepted include a US birth certificate or certified copy of said certificate, a valid US passport, a USCIS American Indian Card, valid military ID card, a certificate of either Citizenship or Naturalization, a Permanent Resident Card, or a Temporary Resident ID Card. In all likelihood, your state probably accepts several other documents as proof of identity, so its best to check your state CDL manual or DMV website for the latest information.Proof of residency requirements will vary by state as well. You may only need to provide a copy of a single utility bill for some states, such as Alabama, while others, like California, may require two or three different documents from a list of up to eighteen different options and the address on the documents must match the address on your CDL application. Again, its best to check your states DMV website before you go to avoid any problems.In addition to providing proof of your given name, birth date, state of residency, age, and social security number, providing proof that youre medically able to drive commercially is part of how to get your CDL license. The easiest portion of this process consists of a vision exam, which you will take with the rest of your CDL exams, but the more in-depth portion involves submitting required medical reports. Due to a new law, after 2025, whether you drive intrastate or interstate, you must supply two forms to your state commercial drivers licensing agency: the Medical Examination Report Form (MCSA-5875) and the Medical Examiners Certificate Form (MCSA-5876). If you are going to drive interstate, you must use a medical examiner listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners to fill out your forms. If these forms are required as part of your job, then your employer must pay for them. There are more than 55,000 certified medical examiners; make sure you use the services of one of them.Once you have provided all the necessary paperwork, you must pass your exams. All applicants for CDLs must pass a vision exam as well as a knowledge exam. Once you pass these, you will receive your commercial learners permit (CLP). The Code of Federal Regulations states that you must have your CLP for a minimum of 14 days before taking your road skills test. (Some jurisdictions may require a longer holding period.) Depending on the state that issues it, a CLP may be either valid for one year and nonrenewable or valid for less than one year and renewable. Note that your potential employer may list additional requirements on the job application as they try to find CDL drivers with top qualifications.Forms You'll Need: Medical Examination Report and Medical Examiners CertificateMedical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA-5875 The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requires that all interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers maintain a current Medical Examiners Certificate (MEC). Form MCSA-5876, to drive. As part of the physical, drivers are required to fill out the medical history portion of the Medical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA-5875. Download it here.Medical Examiners Certificate (MEC). Form MCSA-5876 If the Medical Examiner determines that the driver examined is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with the physical qualification standards, the Medical Examiner will complete and provide the driver with a Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC). Form MCSA-5876. The Medical Examiner will keep a copy of the Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC). Form MCSA-5876 on file for at least 3 years. Download it here. So once you know how to get a CDL license in 2025, how do you determine which license class is right for you? States have tried to make it as simple as possible.How to Get a CDL Class A Licensecomplete ELDT theory certification from an FMCSA-approved theory training providerpass CDL General Knowledge test and Combination Vehicles knowledge testcomplete ELDT Behind-the-wheel certification from an FMCSA-approved BTW training providerbring a class A vehicle to your road skills testapply for recommended class A endorsements (such as Doubles/Triples, etc)You need to get a Class A License if you are driving a combination of vehicles with a weight of over 26,000 pounds and the vehicle that is being towed is over 10,000 pounds. For many states, this would include commercial vehicles with trailers or semi-trailers with two or more axles.Class A License is the most comprehensive commercial drivers license you can get. It allows you to operate a truck with double and triple trailers used by top trucking companies, as well as other commercial motor vehicles.To get a Class A license, you need to do everything previously discussed and also pass the Combination written test. First, you must bring a class A vehicle to your driving skills test. Depending on your particular vehicle and the type of employment you seek, you may need to take extra endorsement exams, such as the Double Triple endorsement exam, which will allow you to drive with double or triple trailers. If your vehicle has air brakes, youll also need the air brakes test. Once youve filled out all the relevant paperwork, filed all necessary documentation, and passed your written and driving tests, youll have your new class A commercial drivers license!How to Get a CDL Class B Licensecomplete ELDT theory certification from an FMCSA-approved theory training providerpass general CDL knowledge testcomplete ELDT Behind-the-wheel certification from an FMCSA-approved BTW training providerbring a class B vehicle to your road skills testapply for any necessary class B endorsements (Air Brakes, Tanks, etc.)A Class B license is necessary if you are going to drive a vehicle over 26,000 pounds, and the GVWR of any vehicle being towed is under 10,000 pounds. Because the majority of the weight is in a single vehicle with a class B license, you do not need either the double-triple endorsement or combination endorsement. However, if your vehicle has air brakes or you will be pulling a trailer, you will need to get endorsements for those. To drive a refuse truck, you'll also need an air brakes endorsement in most statesThe key to getting on the road with your new class B license is just ticking off the boxes: complete the paperwork, file your medical documents, pass all your exams with flying colors, pay your fees, and thats it.How to Get a CDL Class C Licenseeverything listed abovepass the CDL General Knowledge test and get a CLP (Commercial Learner's Permit)bring a class C vehicle to your road skills testapply for the necessary endorsement (Passenger, School Bus, Hazmat, etc.)If youre going to drive a vehicle for transporting more than 16 passengers or hazardous materials, then you need a class C license. The process of how to get a class C license is very similar to that for the class A or class B licenses though it depends on which type of vehicle you will be driving. The one way in which the class C license is unique is that you must apply for some endorsements with it. If you are transporting passengers, you will need the passenger transport endorsement. For driving a school bus, youll need the school bus driver endorsement and the Passenger endorsement. A school bus endorsement requires you to be able to load kids, operate the lights, stop signs, and other devices on the busFor hazardous materials transporting, youll need the Hazmat endorsement. For hazardous materials, you will also need to undergo additional state and/or TSA background checks. Your state may also have additional safety checks for school bus drivers, which should on the state DMV website. As long as you complete and turn in your paperwork and all medical documents, take and pass all necessary tests, pay all required fees, and go through any security checks, youll soon have your new CDL class C license.Things You Dont NeedDon't pay money for what you dont need!A commercial driving school will provide both classroom and behind-the-wheel training. But what if you feel you need more written instruction than the schools basic course provides? Before spending more of your money on additional classroom instruction, consider whether you could learn more from some online instruction websites. For example, there are plenty of free high-quality CDL practice tests available online here on driving-tests, without requiring you to sign in, or provide personal information or commitment of any kind. Driving-Tests is an FMCSA-approved theory training provider, compliant with all federal Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements.Note: you do not need to pay for your states CDL manual. Some websites offer to sell it to you, which is very unethical when it is free on your states CDL licensing website and free right here, either to read or to download and print. If you check your states DMV page, they may also list locations where you can get it in print for free.The most important factor in how to get a CDL license is not money its your time and determination.Whether you get a class A, class B, or class C license, we hope to see you on the road soon in 2025!

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