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If you have any CDL licensing questions please call our CDL services line at (317) 615-7335.

INTRODUCTION

How to Get a Commercial Driver's License

All drivers of Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMV) must have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). To get a CDL, you will need to pass written knowledge tests, a skills test and a DOT physical examination. This manual is a study guide for passing the written knowledge tests and the CDL skills test. The booklet and a physical examination form may be obtained at any Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles License Branch or from the Department of Revenue, Motor Carrier Services' Web site at www.in.gov/dor/4106.htm

1. A driver must have a valid Indiana operator's license.
2. A driver must have a valid United States Social Security card. Copies of a Social Security card are not valid and will not be accepted. Check with any Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles License Branch for current requirements of "Proof of Social Security Number."
3. A driver must pass a DOT physical examination prior to applying for an initial (CDL) and every two years thereafter. The driver must provide the valid DOT physical examination for filing with the Department of Revenue (DOR) to maintain commercial driving privileges.
4. A driver must obtain a Commercial Driver's License learner's permit from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. To obtain a CDL learner's permit a driver will have to take one or more of the written knowledge tests:
 - A. The general knowledge test must be taken by all drivers.
 - B. The passenger transport test must be taken by all bus drivers.
 - C. The air brakes test if the vehicle a driver is driving has air brakes.
 - D. The combination vehicle test for combination vehicles.
 - E. The hazardous material test if a driver is required to haul hazardous waste or hazardous materials requiring vehicle placards.
 - F. The tanker test if a driver is required to haul liquids in bulk.
 - G. The doubles/triples test if a driver is required to pull double or triple trailers.
 - H. The schoolbus endorsement test must be taken by all schoolbus drivers. (*School Bus* means a Commercial Motor Vehicle used to transport pre-primary, primary, or secondary school students from home to school, from school to home, or to and

from school-sponsored events) with 16 or more passengers (including the driver). To obtain the school bus "S" endorsement all applicants must successfully complete all applicable testing requirements including the written knowledge for passenger and school bus, obtain a CDL learner's permit with an "S" endorsement, and skills test in a representative vehicle (school bus) to obtain the school bus "S" endorsement.

Interpretations to the Federal Motor carrier Safety Regulations Part 383.93 state: "Only drivers actually transporting pre-primary, primary, or secondary school students from home to school, from school to home, or to and from school sponsored events in a school bus are required to have both the "P" (Passenger) and "S" (School Bus) endorsements. Only a "P" endorsement is required by drivers delivering school buses, and by drivers transporting students and/or adults to and from events that are not sponsored by the school."

5. After a driver has acquired a CDL permit, the driver then must pass a skills test in a vehicle representative of the class of license which the driver will receive. The skills test must be taken at an approved state Third party test site and will consist of three parts:
 - A. The pre-trip inspection test.
 - B. The basic control skills test.
 - C. The road trip test.

If a driver fails the skills test, the driver may take the test again the next day. A driver must only test once a day. A driver will be responsible for all costs each time that driver has to take a skills test. After a driver has passed the skills test, the examiner will validate a certification form which is to be taken to any Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles License Branch.

6. After a driver has passed all tests, the driver needs to take their Indiana operators license, CDL permit, skills test certification and DOT/CDL physical to any Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles License Branch. At that time, if the driver has a valid driver's license status, the License Branch will issue the driver their CDL.

Note: If the Commercial Driver's License has been expired, disqualified, canceled, revoked, or invalidated for more than one year, the holder must pass all knowledge and skills exams prior to issuance of the CDL license. (140 IAC 7-3-17) CDL tests (written and skills) are good for 180 days, and only three permits are allowed in a two-year period (140 IAC 7-3-10).

Review of Steps to Obtain an Indiana CDL:

The applicant must:

1. Have a valid Indiana operator's license.
2. Pass a DOT physical examination. (See explanation below.)
3. Pass the written CDL test at any Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) License Branch.
4. Obtain a learner's permit.
5. Schedule and pass a skills test at an Indiana contracted third party CDL skills test site.
6. Upon passing the skills test, submit the Skills Test Certificate within 30 days to any Indiana BMV branch.

Providing Physical Examination

In an effort to protect the integrity of medical reporting and to monitor the medical status of individuals who hold CDL's, the State of Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and the Federal Highway Administration have entered into a medical review program. This program will allow the Indiana Department of Revenue to track medical histories to ensure compliance with federal and state medical requirements.

The program requires a CDL applicant or a CDL driver to:

1. Provide a copy of the DOT physical examination form when making application for a CDL permit and every two years thereafter.
2. Sign an information release for the Department of Revenue and supply the physician's address, phone number and state license number (Indiana forms have space for this information, but the DOR will accept any DOT physical examination form as long as this information is provided - **out of state physicals need to have the physician's name, address and phone number.**)
3. DOT Physical Examination forms are available at all Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles License Branches or on the DOR Motor Carrier Services Web site at www.in.gov/dor/4106.htm

All Physical Examination Forms must have:

1. Date of examination.
2. The driver's correct name and date of birth.
3. Doctor's signature, phone number, and

Physician's state license number. (**Out of state physicals need to list the physician's state license number**)

4. The driver's signature on the DOR signature release line and the driver's Social Security Number.
5. Out of state physicals will be accepted, but the individual must still sign an information release for the DOR and supply their Social Security Number. This information may be added anywhere on the long form as long as it is clearly visible. (Example: top of form or on the margins) The release may say: I authorize this information to be released to the Indiana DOR.

If a physical form is missing any of this information, a Commercial Driver's License may not be issued. This program is for all CDL licenses.

If an individual comes into the branch without a copy of the DOT Physical Examination form, the clerk must tell the driver to contact the physician or the company that is responsible for the physical. An individual may then do one of the following:

1. Mail to: Indiana Department of Revenue
Motor Carrier Services Division
5252 Decatur Blvd., Suite R
Indianapolis, IN 46241
2. Fax to CDL at (317) 821-2340

All information is confidential

If you have any questions, please call the CDL Medical Section Help Desk at: (317) 615-7335.

DOT Physical Examination Information is now automated (317) 615-7433

Commercial drivers with a CDL and authorized companies can now check the processing status of a DOT physical examination form by calling the Indiana Department of Revenue, Motor Carrier Services Division, CDL Section's Voice Response Unit (VRU) at (317) 615-7433.

Companies must register with the CDL Section and receive an authorization number. Authorization application forms are available from the CDL Section by calling (317) 615-7335, or you may download the application form from our Web site at www.in.gov/dor/4106.htm

The most up to date versions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations may be obtained from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Web site: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/rules-regulations.htm Simply click on All Regulations & Guidance, Part 383 and then 383.51.

Exemption of Certain Physical Defects

A person who is not physically qualified to drive under FMCSR 391.41 (b)(1) or (2) and who is otherwise qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle, may drive a commercial motor vehicle if the Regional Director of Motor Carrier Safety has granted an exemption to that person.

An example would be a person requiring a prosthetic or orthotic device. Such a driver is not automatically disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle. The State of Indiana, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, will conduct a physical exemption evaluation, provided all exemption requirements are met.

For specific information regarding the application, call the Federal Highway Administration (Indiana office) at (317) 226-7474. Please contact the Department of Revenue Commercial Driver's License Medical Section for additional information or assistance at (317) 615-7335.

Implied Consent to Alcohol Testing

383.72 "Any person who holds a CDL shall be deemed to have consented to such testing as is required of him/her by any State or jurisdiction in the enforcement of 383.51 (b) and 392.5 (a)(2) Consent is implied by driving a commercial motor vehicle."

"Driving a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol." This includes:

- (A) Driving a commercial motor vehicle while the person's alcohol is 0.04 percent or more; or
- (B) Driving under the influence of alcohol, as prescribed by State law; or
- (C) Refusal to undergo such testing as is required by any State or jurisdiction in the enforcement of 383.51 (b), or 392.5 (a)(2).

392.5 (a)(2) No driver shall: Use alcohol, be under the influence of alcohol, or have any measured alcohol concentration or detected presence of alcohol, while on duty, or operating, or in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle.

Source: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Parts 383, 390, 391, 392. U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

Commercial Driver's License Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Driver Disqualifications and Penalties

383.51 (a) General.

- (1) A driver or holder of a CDL who is disqualified must not drive a CMV.
 - (2) An employer must not knowingly allow, require, permit or authorize a driver who is disqualified to drive a CMV.
 - (3) A driver is subject to disqualification sanctions designated in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, if the holder of a CDL drives a CMV or non-CMV and is convicted of the violations.
 - (4) Determining first and subsequent violations. For purposes of determining first and subsequent violations of the offenses specified in this subpart, each conviction for any offense listed in Tables 1 through 4 to this section resulting from a separate incident, whether committed in a CMV or non-CMV, must be counted.
 - (5) Reinstatement after lifetime disqualification. A State may reinstate any driver disqualified for life for offenses described in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(8) of this section (Table 1 to 383.51) after 10 years if that person has voluntarily entered and successfully completed an appropriate rehabilitation program approved by the State. Any person who has been reinstated in accordance with this provision and who is subsequently convicted of a disqualifying offense described in paragraphs (b)(1) through (b)(8) of this section (Table 1 to § 383.51) must not be reinstated.
- (b) Disqualification for major offenses.** Table 1 to 383.51 contains a list of the offenses and periods for which a driver must be disqualified, depending upon the type of vehicle the driver is operating at the time of the violation, as follows:

See Table 1 to 383.51 on the next page.

Table 1 to 383.51

If a driver operates motor vehicle and is convicted of:	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a CMV transporting hazardous materials required to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials "Regulations (49 CFR part 172, subpart F), a person required to have a CDL and CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction or refusal to be tested in a separate incident of any combination of offenses in this table while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction or refusal to be tested in a separate incident of any combination of offenses in this table while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:
(1) Being under the influence of alcohol as prescribed by State law.	1 year	1 year	3 years	Life	Life
(2) Being under the influence of a controlled substance.	1 year	1 year	3 years	Life	Life
(3) Having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater while operating a CMV.	1 year	Not applicable	3 years	Life	Not applicable
(4) Refusing to take an alcohol test as required by a State or jurisdiction under its implied consent laws or regulations as defined in 383.72 of this part.	1 year	1 year	3 years	Life	Life
(5) Leaving the scene of an accident.	1 year	1 year	3 years	Life	Life
(6) Using the vehicle to commit a felony, other than felony described in paragraph (b)(9) of this table.	1 year	1 year	3 years	Life	Life

Table 1 to 383.51 - continued

If a driver operates motor vehicle and is convicted of:	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a first conviction or refusal to be tested while operating a CMV transporting hazardous materials required to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials "Regulations (49 CFR part 172, subpart F), a person required to have a CDL and CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction or refusal to be tested in a separate incident of any combination of offenses in this table while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction or refusal to be tested in a separate incident of any combination of offenses in this table while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:
(7) Driving a CMV when, as a result of prior violations committed operating a CMV, the driver's CDL is revoked, suspended, or canceled, or the driver is disqualified from operating a CMV.	1 year	Not applicable	3 years	Life	Not applicable
(8) Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a CMV, including but not limited to the crimes of motor vehicle manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle and negligent homicide.	1 year	Not applicable	3 years	Life	Not applicable
(9) Using the vehicle in the commission of a felony involving manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing a controlled substance	Life-not eligible for 10-year reinstatement.	Life-not eligible for 10-year reinstatement.	Life-not eligible for 10-year reinstatement.	Life-not eligible for 10-year reinstatement.	Life-not eligible for 10-year reinstatement.

Table 2 to 383.51

(c) Disqualification for serious traffic violations. Table 2 to 383.51 contains a list of the offenses and the periods, for which a driver must be disqualified, depending upon the type of vehicle the driver is operating at the time of the violation, as follows:

If the driver operates a motor vehicle and is convicted of:	For a second conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV, if the conviction results in the revocation, cancellation, of suspension of the CDL holder's license or non-CMV driving privileges, for:	For a third or subsequent conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a third or subsequent conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV, if the conviction results in the revocation, cancellation, of suspension of the CDL holder's license or non-CMV driving privileges, for:
(1) Speeding excessively, involving any speed of 24.1 kmph (15 mph) or more above the posted speed limit.	60 days	60 days	120 days	120 days
(2) Driving recklessly, as defined by State or local law or regulation, including but, not limited to, offenses of driving a motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property.	60 days	60 days	120 days	120 days
(3) Making improper or erratic traffic lane changes.	60 days	60 days	120 days	120 days
(4) Following the vehicle ahead too closely.	60 days	60 days	120 days	120 days

If the driver operates a motor vehicle and is convicted of:	For a second conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV, if the conviction results in the revocation, cancellation, of suspension of the CDL holder's license or non-CMV driving privileges, for:	For a third or subsequent conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a third or subsequent conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period while operating a non-CMV, a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV, if the conviction results in the revocation, cancellation, of suspension of the CDL holder's license or non-CMV driving privileges, for:
(5) Violating State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with a fatal accident.	60 days	60 days	120 days	120 days
(6) Driving a CMV without obtaining a CDL.	60 days	Not applicable	120 days	Not applicable
(7) Driving a CMV without a CDL in the driver's possession ¹ .	60 days	Not applicable	120 days	Not applicable
(8) Driving a CMV without the proper class of CDL and/or endorsements for the specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported.	60 days	Not applicable	120 days	Not applicable

¹Any individual who provides proof to the enforcement authority that issued the citation, by the date the individual must appear in court or pay any fine for such a violation, that the individual held a valid CDL on the date the citation was issued, shall not be guilty of this offense.

(d) Disqualification for railroad-highway grade crossing offenses. Table 3 to 383.51 contains a list of the offenses and the periods for which a driver must be disqualified, when the driver is operating a CMV at the time of the violation, as follows:

Table 3 to 383.51

If the driver is convicted of operating a CMV in violation of a Federal, State or local law because:	For a first conviction a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a third or subsequent conviction of any combination of offenses in this table in a separate incident within a 3-year period, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:
(1) The driver is not required to always stop, but fails to slow down and check that tracks are clear of an approaching train.	No less than 60 days	No less than 120 days	No less than 1 year
(2) The driver is not required to always stop, but fails to stop before reaching the crossing, if the tracks are not clear.	No less than 60 days	No less than 120 days	No less than 1 year
(3) The driver is always required to stop but fails to stop before driving on the crossing.	No less than 60 days	No less than 120 days	No less than 1 year
(4) The driver fails to have sufficient space to drive completely through the crossing without stopping.	No less than 60 days	No less than 120 days	No less than 1 year
(5) The driver fails to obey a traffic control device or the directions of an enforcement official at the crossing.	No less than 60 days	No less than 120 days	No less than 1 year
(6) The driver fails to negotiate a crossing because of insufficient undercarriage clearance.	No less than 60 days	No less than 120 days	No less than 1 year

(e) *Disqualification for violating out-of-service orders.* Table 4 to 383.51 contains a list of the offenses and periods, for which a driver must be disqualified when the driver is operating a CMV at the time of the violation, as follows:

Table 4 to 383.51

If the driver operates a CMV and is convicted of:	For a first conviction while operating a CMV, a person required to have a "CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a second conviction in a separate incident within a 10-year period while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:	For a third or subsequent conviction in a separate incident within a 10-year period while operating a CMV, a person required to have a CDL and a CDL holder must be disqualified from operating a CMV for:
(1) Violating a driver or vehicle out-of-service order while transporting non-hazardous materials.	No less than 90 days or more than 1-year.	No less than 1-year or more than 5-years.	No less than 3-years or more than 5-years.
(2) Violating a driver or vehicle out-of-service order while transporting hazardous materials required to be placarded under part 172, subpart F of this title or while operating a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver.	No less than 180 days or more than 2-years.	No less than 3-years or more than 5-years.	No less than 3-years or more than 5-years.

Operation Lifesaver

Preventing railroad grade crossing accidents is up to you. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Title 49 part 392.10 states: Drivers of commercial motor vehicles requiring placards or transporting passengers.....shall not "cross a railroad track at grade unless he/she first: Stops the vehicle within 50 feet of, and not closer than 15 feet to, the tracks; thereafter listens and looks in each direction along the tracks for an approaching train; and is certain that no train is approaching. When it is safe to do so, the driver may drive the vehicle across the tracks in a gear that permits the vehicle to complete the crossing without a change of gears."

Every year hundreds of accidents at railroad grade crossings can be avoided if drivers follow these simple procedures:

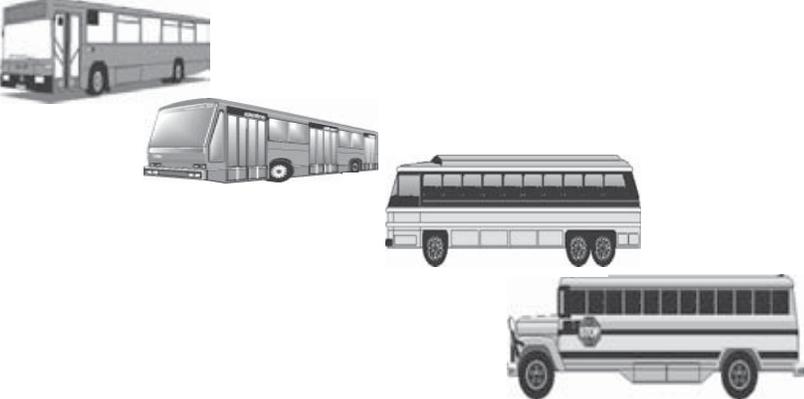
1. Expect a train on any track at any time, day or night.
2. Never get trapped on a grade crossing. When traffic is heavy, wait on the approach to a

crossing until you are sure you can clear the crossing.

3. Look for a second train. After the last car of the train passes, check both directions to see if an other train is approaching.
4. Never drive around crossing gates. If the gates are down, do not cross the tracks.
5. Never shift gears on the crossing.
6. Watch for vehicles that must stop at a crossing. Be prepared to stop when following buses or trucks which are required to stop at railroad crossings.
7. Never race a train to the crossing.

As always, safe driving practices on the road can help to avoid accidents. As a driver on Indiana roads and highways, you have a responsibility to practice safe driving. Remember, a life could depend on it. If you should have any questions on Operation Lifesaver, please contact the office at (800) 537-6224.

How To Use This Manual

If you want to get a license to drive this type of vehicle or a similar tank vehicle *	Study these sections of the driver's manual
	<p>Section 1: Introduction Section 2: Driving Safely Section 3: Cargo** Section 5: Air Brakes Section 6: Combination Vehicles Section 7: Doubles and Triples Section 9: Haz Mat (if needed)</p>
	<p>Section 1: Introduction Section 2: Driving Safely Section 3: Cargo** Section 5: Air Brakes Section 6: Combination Vehicles (except double/triple trailer info) Section 9: Haz Mat (if needed)</p>
	<p>Section 1: Introduction Section 2: Driving Safely Section 3: Cargo** Section 4: Passengers Section 5: Air Brakes (if needed) Section 6: Combination Vehicles (if needed) Section 10: School bus (if needed)</p>
	<p>Section 1: Introduction Section 2: Driving Safely Section 3: Cargo** Section 5: Air Brakes (if needed) Section 9: Haz Mat (if needed)</p>
	<p>Section 1: Introduction Section 2: Driving Safely Section 3: Cargo** Section 9: Haz Mat</p>

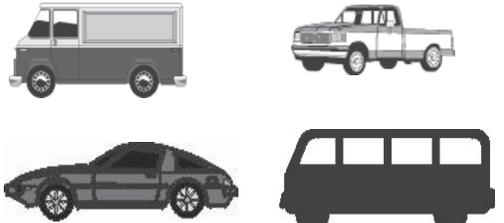
*If the vehicle used for testing is not a tractor semi-trailer, license must show an "S" restriction. "No-semi"

*If the vehicle used for testing has an automatic transmission, license must show an "E" restriction (Tractor/Semi only).

*If Class B bus is used for testing, license must show an "O" restriction.

*Effective 2008/2009. Please visit www.in.gov/dor/4106.htm for specific effective dates.

**If you want a tank vehicle endorsement, study especially Section 3.4

Class	Vehicle Description	Typical Vehicle in Group	Knowledge Tests Required	Skills Tests Required
A	Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Knowledge Combination Vehicles Air Brakes (if equipped)** Passenger Transport (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Inspection Basic Control Skills Road
B	Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Knowledge Air brakes (if equipped)** Passenger Transport (if applicable) Schoolbus (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Inspection Basic Control Skills Road
C	Any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that does not meet the definition of group A or group B as contained herein, but that either is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver, or is placarded for hazardous materials.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Knowledge Air Brakes (if equipped)** Hazardous Materials (if applicable) Passenger Transport (if applicable) Schoolbus (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle Inspection Basic Control Skills Road
Endorsements				
T	Combination vehicles with double or triple trailers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doubles/Triples 	Skills tests applicable to class of vehicle brought in for testing.
N	Vehicles used to haul liquids or gaseous materials in permanent tanks or in portable tanks having a rating capacity of 1,000 gallons or more.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tank Vehicle 	
P			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passenger Transport 	
H			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazardous Materials 	
X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tank Vehicle Hazardous Materials 	
S			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Bus 	

* If the vehicle used for testing is not a tractor semi-trailer, license must show an "S" restriction.

"No-semi"

* If the vehicle used for testing has an automatic transmission, license must show an "E" restriction (Class A only).

*If Class B bus is used for testing, license must show an "O" restriction.

*Effective 2008/2009. Please visit www.in.gov/dor/4106.htm for specific effective dates.

** If the vehicle used for testing is not equipped with air brakes, license must show an "L" (air brake) restriction.

CDL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

**CDL OFFICE & CDL HELP DESK
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
5252 DECATUR BLVD., STE. R
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46241**

To: ALL HOLDERS OF CHAUFFEUR'S OR PUBLIC PASSENGER CHAUFFEUR'S LICENSES

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 required all states to adopt a classified driving licensing system which allows for the licensing of commercial motor vehicle operators. The Act defines a commercial motor vehicle; as: (1) having a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of at least 26,001 lbs.; (2) vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver; or (3) any size vehicle carrying hazardous materials which requires placarding.

CLASS: DESCRIPTION:

A- Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds. (Holders of a Group A license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Group B and C.) Examples include but are not limited to:

- Tractor-Semi-trailer
- Truck & Trailer
- Related Endorsements
- Double / Triple Trailers
- Tank Vehicles
- HAZMAT
- Passenger Vehicles



B- Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR. (Holders of a Group B license may, with any appropriate endorsements, operate all vehicles within Group C.) Examples include but are not limited to:

- Straight trucks 26,001 or more pounds GVWR
- Buses 26,001 or more pounds, 16 passengers including the driver
- Trailer not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR
- Related endorsements
- Tank Vehicles
- HAZMAT
- Passenger Vehicles



C- Any single vehicle less than 26,001 pounds GVWR, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR. This group applies to vehicles which are placarded for hazardous materials or designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the operator. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Single or combination vehicles, less than 26,001 pounds GVWR
- Buses less than 26,001 GVWR and designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver
- Related endorsements
- HAZMAT
- Passenger Vehicles



The representative vehicle for the skills test must meet the written description for that group. The silhouettes typify, but do not fully cover, the types of vehicles falling within each group.

Unlimited Testing for Written Exam: The written test, general knowledge and endorsements, may be taken once every 24 hours with no charge until the license is issued. **CDL Medical Information - Please see beginning of CDL Manual, or call (317) 615-7335.** A medical examiner's certificate for intrastate or interstate must be presented for CDL upgrades, additional CDL endorsements and CDL Learner's Permit.

COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE: EXCEPTIONS

FARMERS (and their farm hands in the farmer's vehicle):

- Those operators of a farm vehicle which is:
- controlled and operated by a farmer;
 - used to transport either agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies or (some combination thereof) to or from a farm;
 - not used in the operation of a common or contractor motor carrier; and
 - used within 150 miles of the person's farm.

FIREFIGHTERS AND OPERATORS OF EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT:

The FMCSA believes it not contrary to the public interest to waive operators of firefighting and other emergency equipment from the requirements of the Act. Drivers who operate emergency or fire equipment which is necessary to the preservation of life or property or the execution of emergency governmental functions performed under emergency conditions.

MILITARY PERSONNEL:

All non-civilian operators of equipment owned or operated by the Department of Defense are waived from the Act's requirements. This applies to any active duty military personnel, and members of the reserves and national guard on active duty including personnel on full time national guard duty.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES:

- Operators of a motor vehicle that:
- is registered as a recreational vehicle;
 - is used primarily to transport the owner's family members or guests and their possessions for nonbusiness purposes.

OBTAINING A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

In order to obtain a commercial driver's license the applicant must:

1. Produce his/her current driver's license.
2. Any one of the following documents can be used to verify your Social Security number.
 - A. Your Social Security card.
 - B. A NUMI Report stamped and issued from the Social Security Administration (SSA) office in Baltimore, Maryland.
 - C. Verification of Social Security Number Letter signed and stamped from an **Indiana SSA District Office.**
3. Present proof of a current physical examination.
4. Complete all necessary written and skills tests.

BE SURE TO READ THE CDL SKILLS TEST SECTION OF THE MANUAL. If you fail the CDL Skills or Road Test, you will be required to pay the entire fee to retest.