

COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE CLASSES, ENDORSEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS

GCWR = Gross Combination Weight Rating: The value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a combination vehicle.

GVWR = Gross Vehicle Weight Rating: The value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle.

Class A

Any combination of vehicles with gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 or more pounds falls in Group A, provided the GVWR of the power unit is at least 26,001 or more pounds; and the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is more than 10,000 pounds. (18 wheelers, logging)

Class B

Any single vehicle with a GVWR in excess of 26,001 pounds or any such vehicle towing another vehicle that does not weigh 10,000 pounds or more (dump trucks, cement mixer trucks, box trucks, motor coaches).

Class C

Any single vehicle with a GVWR less than 26,001 pounds falls in Group C or any such vehicle towing another vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR. However, vehicles of this size are included in the CDL program only if they are:

- (1) Designed to carry 16 or more passengers including the driver, or
- (2) Used to transport hazardous materials in quantities requiring placarding under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F) or is carrying material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR part 73.

ENDORSEMENTS:

H – Hazardous Materials Any vehicle used to transport hazardous materials in placardable amounts. (Pickups, trucks, vans) Effective 05/31/05: ALL applicants renewing a license with a hazardous materials (haz-mat) endorsement, adding a haz-mat endorsement to a CDL or obtaining an original Alaska CDL license with a haz-mat endorsement must pass a background check prior to issuance. For additional information on background checks please see <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/>.

Required Test(s): Knowledge

N – Tanker Any vehicle intended for hauling liquids in bulk (tank trucks)

Required Test(s): Knowledge

P – Passenger Any vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver) (Regardless of how many passengers are being transported and whether or not the vehicle has been modified to carry less than 16 passengers.)

Required Test(s): Knowledge, Road Skills

S – School Bus Required operating a school bus carrying children to and from school.

Required Test(s): Knowledge, Road Skills

T – Double or Triple Trailers

Required Test(s): Knowledge

X – Combo Tanker/Hazardous Materials Any tank vehicle used to transport placardable amounts of hazardous materials

Required Test(s): Knowledge, background check

RESTRICTIONS:

E - Automatic Transmission Vehicles Only: If the driver takes the skills test in a vehicle that has an automatic transmission, then an "E" no manual transmission restriction is placed on their license.

Required Test(s): Road Skills

K – Intrastate Only: Used to restrict an applicant to intrastate driving. This includes an applicant under the age of 21 or an applicant that is legally blind in one eye and has submitted a state waiver. Interstate commerce (CFR 49 390.5) means trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States- (1) Between a place in a State and a place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States); or (2) Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States; or (3) Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation *Intrastate commerce means any trade, traffic, or transportation in any State which is not described in the term “interstate commerce”.

L - Vehicles Without Air Brake Systems Only: If the driver does not pass the Air Brakes Knowledge Test, does not correctly identify the air brake system components, does not properly conduct an air brake systems check, or does not take the Skills test in a vehicle with a full air brake system, the driver must have an "L" no full air brake restriction placed on their license.

Required Test(s): Knowledge, Road Skills

M – No Class A Passenger Vehicle: If a driver possesses a Class A CDL, but obtains his or her passenger or school bus endorsement in a Class B vehicle the State must place an "M" restriction indicating that the driver can only operate Class B and C passenger vehicle or school buses.

Required Test(s): Road Skills

N - No Class A and B Passenger Vehicle: If a driver possesses a Class B CDL, but obtains his or her passenger or school bus endorsement in a Class C vehicle; the State must place an "N" restriction indicating that the driver can only operate Class C passenger vehicle or school buses.

Required Test(s): Road Skills

O - No Tractor Trailer: If the driver takes the Skills Test in a Class A vehicle that has a pintle hook or other non-fifth wheel connection, they will have an "O" restriction placed on their license restricting them from driving any Class A vehicle with a fifth wheel connection.

Required Test(s): Knowledge, Road Skills

P - No passengers in CMV bus: A Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) holder with a P endorsement is prohibited from operating a CMV carrying passengers, other than Federal/State auditors and inspectors, test examiners, other trainees, and the CDL holder accompanying the Commercial Instruction Permit holder as prescribed by § CFR 383.25(a)(1) of this part.

Required Test(s): Road Skills

V – Medical Variance: If the State is notified by the FMCSA that a medical variance has been issued to the driver, the State must indicate the existence of such a medical variance on the CDLIS driving record and the CDL document using a restriction code "V" to indicate that there is information about the medical variance on the CDLIS record.

Required Test(s): Waiver or SPE

X - No cargo in CMV tank vehicle: A Commercial Instruction Permit holder with an N endorsement may only operate an empty tank vehicle and is prohibited from operating any tank vehicle that previously contained hazardous materials that has not been purged of any residue.

Required Test(s): Road Skills

Z - No full air brake equipped CMV: If the driver takes the test in a vehicle with an air over hydraulic brake system, then they will have a "Z" no full air brake restriction placed on their license. In either case the driver is not authorized to operate a CMV equipped with full air brakes.

Required Test(s): Road Skills

7 - Off-Highway: Used in specific rural communities where road tests are not administered. License restricted to these communities.

Required Test(s) to obtain Restriction 7 (off highway) CDL: General knowledge test & non-commercial road test

Required Test(s) to remove Restriction 7 (off highway) CDL: Road Skills