

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.**

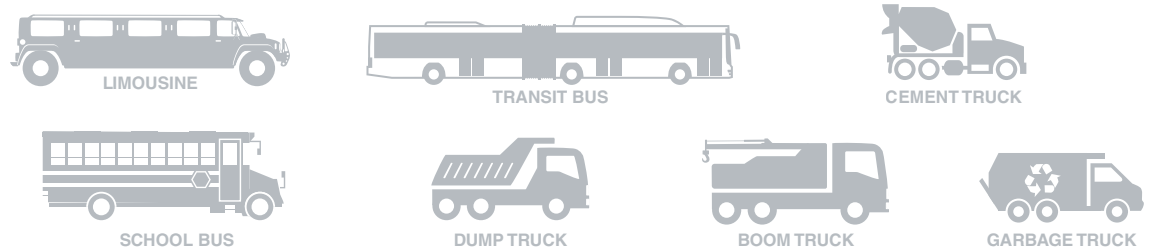
A common Class A vehicle is a tractor trailer also known as a semi.



CLASS B CDL

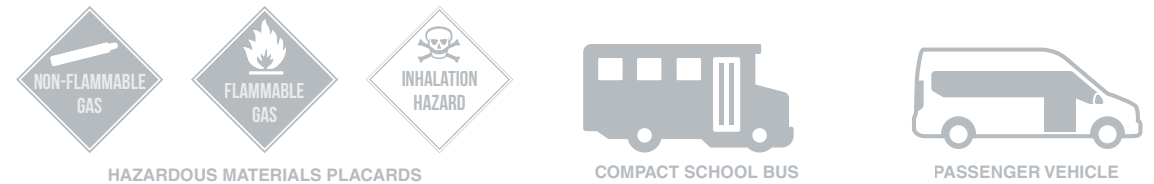
Any **single vehicle** with a GVWR of 26,001 or more lbs. or **any such vehicle towing a vehicle NOT in excess of 10,000 lbs. GVWR.**

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)

- ✔ 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.

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