



California DMV

CDL: What Is It and How Do You Obtain One?



2021 NDAA CDL VIOLATIONS CONFERENCE

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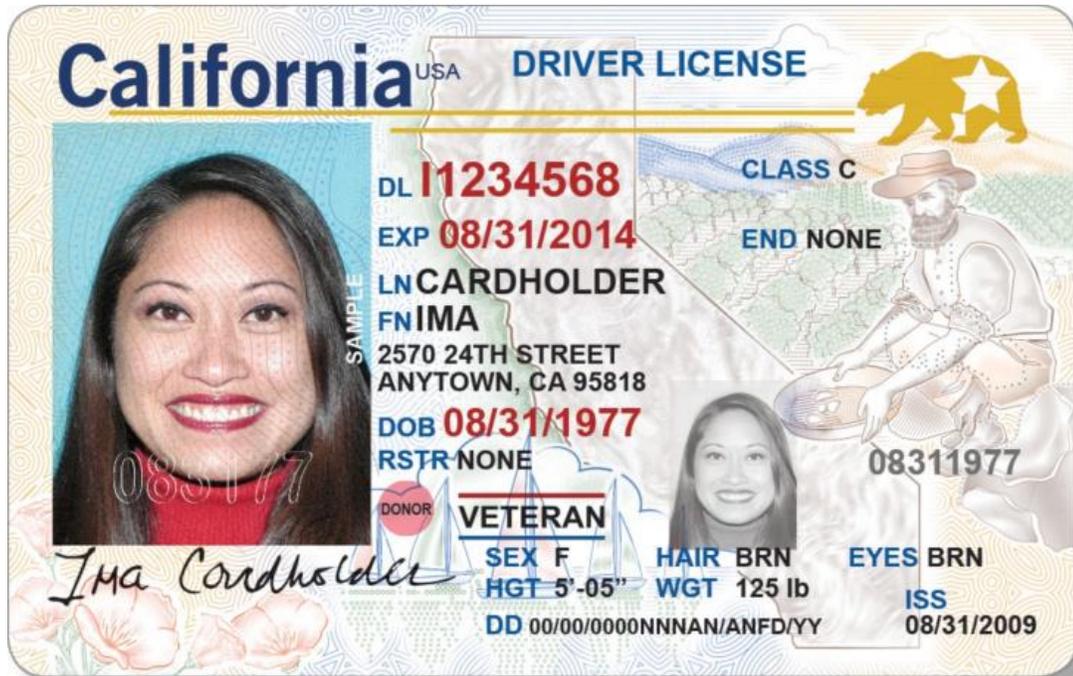


**MAKE SURE DRIVERS
CAN SEE YOU.**

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT (CMVSA) OF 1986



- Established minimum requirements for CDLs for all States.
- Made it illegal to possess more than one driver's license.
- Established qualifications to obtain and retain a CDL.
 - Knowledge and Skills Testing
 - Disqualification Requirements
 - Employer Notification Standards



One Driver, One License, One Record!



COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM (CDLIS)

- CDLIS communication method for state driver licensing agencies to ensure each commercial driver only has one DL and one record!
- Transmitting convictions and withdrawals.
- Transferring the driver record when a CDL holder moves to another state.



WHO NEEDS A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE?

In California, you must have a CDL to Operate:

- **A single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more.**
- **A combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, provided the vehicle being towed has a GVWR in excess of 10,000 pounds.**
- **A vehicle designed, used, or maintained for carrying more than 10 passengers (including driver)**
- **A 3-axle vehicle weighing more than 6,000 pounds.**



WHO NEEDS A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE?

Must have a CDL when:

- **Towing a vehicle or trailer with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more.**
- **Transporting hazardous materials (HazMat) in an amount requiring placards.**
- **Towing any combination consisting of vehicle and trailer or vehicle and two trailers (doubles).**



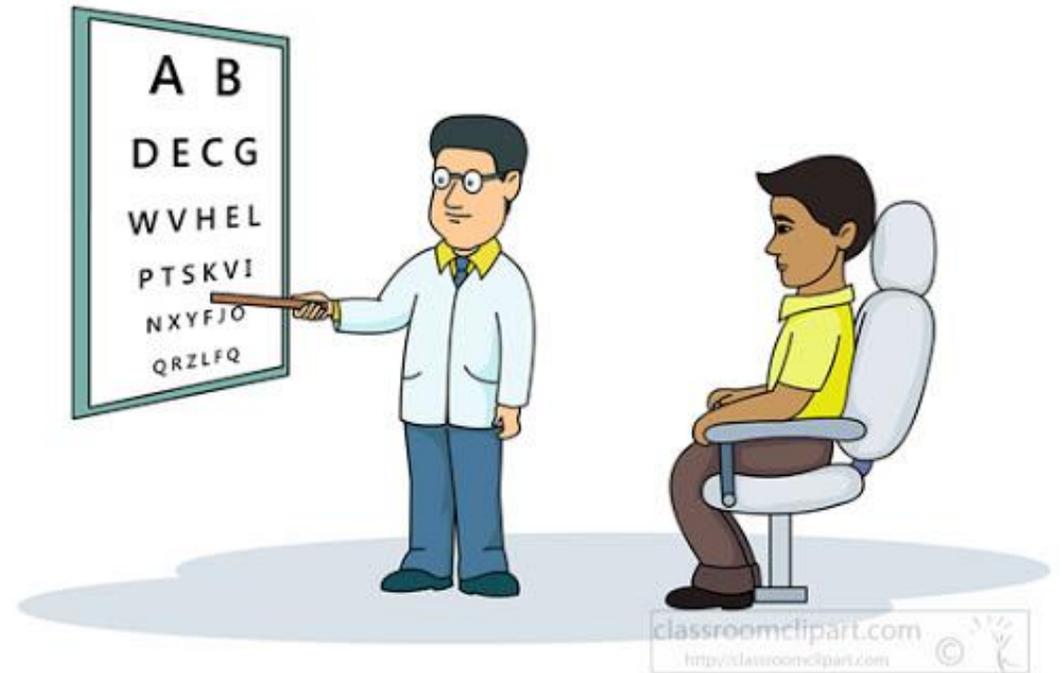
OBTAINING A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

- **Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) - 14-Day Waiting Period**
 - **CDL Application**
 - **10-Year Driving History**
 - **Medical Examination Report**
 - **Provide your Social Security Number**
 - **Provide Acceptable Identity and Residency Documents**

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

- Application Fee
- Vision Exam

Pay Licensing
Fees





CDL CLASSIFICATIONS

Three (3) classes of CDLs:

- Commercial A
- Commercial B
- Commercial C
 - Hazardous Materials (HazMat)
 - Passenger Vehicle (PV)
 - Tank Vehicle (TV)



ENDORSEMENTS

- **T - Double/Triple Trailers**
- **P - Passenger**
- **N - Tank**
- **H - Hazardous materials**
- **X – Combination of tank vehicle and hazardous materials endorsements**
- **S - School Bus**

CLP Endorsements - Only 3 endorsements are allowed on the CLP

- **P - Passenger**
- **S - School Bus**
- **N - Tank Endorsement**



COMMERCIAL OPERATION SELF-CERTIFICATION

FEDERAL
MOTOR
CARRIER SAFETY
REGULATION
(§383.71)



Non- Excepted Interstate (NI)	Non- Excepted Intrastate (NA)
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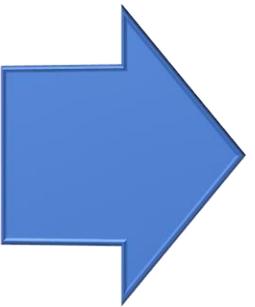


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KNOWLEDGE TESTING

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THREE (3) ATTEMPTS TO PASS EACH REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE TEST





KNOWLEDGE TESTING

1. **General Knowledge**
2. **Combinations**
3. **Air Brakes**
4. **Doubles/Triples**
5. **Tank**
6. **Hazmat**
7. **Passenger**
8. **Fire Fighter**
9. **School Bus**

KNOWLEDGE TESTING

WITHIN 12 MONTHS REAPPLY!

ISSUED A CLP!







SKILLS TESTING

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14-Day
Waiting
Period

Schedule
Drive Test
Appointment

Bring the type
of Vehicle
You Want to
Drive

SKILLS TESTING

VEHICLE INSPECTION

BASIC CONTROL SKILLS TEST

ROAD TEST

SKILLS TESTING

RETEST FEE

ISSUE CDL!







MEDICAL STANDARDS



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- **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) establish the criteria for when a person is qualified to drive a commercial vehicle – 391.41 FMCSR**
- **California Standards - CVC §12804.9**

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Medical Examination Report Form
(for Commercial Driver Medical Certification)

MEDICAL RECORD #

(or sticker)

SECTION 1. Driver Information (to be filled out by the driver)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Driver's License Number: _____ Issuing State/Province: _____ Phone: _____ Gender: M F
 E-mail (optional): _____ CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder*: Yes No
 Driver ID Verified By**: _____
 Has your USDOT/FMCSA medical certificate ever been denied or issued for less than 2 years? Yes No Not Sure

*CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder: See instructions for definitions.

**Driver ID Verified By: Record what type of photo ID was used to verify the identity of the driver, e.g., CDL, driver's license, passport.

DRIVER HEALTH HISTORY

Have you ever had surgery? If "yes," please list and explain below. Yes No Not Sure

Are you currently taking medications (prescription, over-the-counter, herbal remedies, diet supplements)? If "yes," please describe below. Yes No Not Sure

(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

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MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

Form MCSA-5876

OMB No. 2126-0006 Expiration Date: 11/30/2021

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Medical Examiner's Certificate
(for Commercial Driver Medical Certification)

I certify that I have examined **Last Name:** **First Name:** in accordance with (please check only one):

- the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49) and, with knowledge of the driving duties, I find this person is qualified, and, if applicable, only when (check all that apply) **OR**
- the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49) with any applicable State variances (which will only be valid for intrastate operations), and, with knowledge of the driving duties, I find this person is qualified, and, if applicable, only when (check all that apply):

- Wearing corrective lenses
- Wearing hearing aid
- Accompanied by a _____ waiver/exemption
- Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate
- Driving within an exempt intracity zone (49 CFR 391.62) (Federal)
- Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64 (Federal)
- Grandfathered from State requirements (State)

The information I have provided regarding this physical examination is true and complete. A complete Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, with any attachments embodies my findings completely and correctly, and is on file in my office.

Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date

Medical Examiner's Signature

Medical Examiner's Telephone Number

Date Certificate Signed

Medical Examiner's Name (please print or type)

MD Physician Assistant Advanced Practice Nurse

DO Chiropractor Other Practitioner (specify) _____

Medical Examiner's State License, Certificate, or Registration Number

Issuing State

National Registry Number

Driver's Signature

Driver's License Number

Issuing State/Province

Driver's Address

Street Address:

City:

State/Province:

Zip Code:

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Yes No

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EXEMPTIONS

- **FMCSA Medical Program handles the exemptions.**
- **CDL applicants may apply for exemptions under the following standards:**
 - **Diabetes**
 - **Vision**
 - **Hearing**
 - **Seizure**
- **Approved exemptions will be sent to the appropriate State Driver Licensing Agency.**





NOTIFICATIONS

- Courts to State Driver Licensing Agencies
- Convictions turn into Withdrawals
- Timely Convictions = Timely Withdrawals
- FMCSA regulations 10 day from convictions
- 2018 Study by TransAnalytics, LLC posted on FMCSA's website





CDL DISQUALIFICATIONS

- **49 CFR 383.51 – Mandates the Disqualification and Penalties for:**
 - **CDL Holders and**
 - **Drivers that should have had a CDL based on vehicle operated at time of offense**
- **Most disqualifications will apply regardless of a driver operating their personal vehicle**



CDL DISQUALIFICATIONS

MAJOR OFFENSES – AUTOMATIC DQ – 49 CFR 383.51 (b)

- Alcohol (DUI)
- Leaving the Scene of an Accident
- Commission of a Felony in a motor vehicle

PENALTY

1 YEAR TO A LIFETIME

CDL DISQUALIFICATIONS

SERIOUS OFFENSES – 49 CFR 383.51(c)

- Speeding
- Reckless Driving
- Violation of Hands-Free or Texting Law
- Traffic Violations in Your Personal Vehicle
- Violation Point Counts (Negligent Operator)

PENALTY

- 60 DAYS TO 120 DAYS

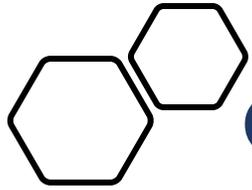




CDL DISQUALIFICATIONS

OTHER OFFENSES

- Violation of Out-of-Service Orders
- Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Violations
- Hazardous Materials Endorsement Background Check and Disqualifications



COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE GROUPS - \$383.91



COMMERCIAL CLASS A



COMMERCIAL CLASS B



COMMERCIAL CLASS B (SCHOOL BUS)





COMMERCIAL CLASS C

WHEN YOU WANT TO DRIVE A

SEMI



BUT CAN'T PASS THE CDL TEST



**WHEN YOU HIT
A PATCH OF ICE**



**AND SEE YOUR TRAILER
IN THE LANE NEXT TO YOU**

TRAFFIC SAFETY



LARGE CMV vs. CAR



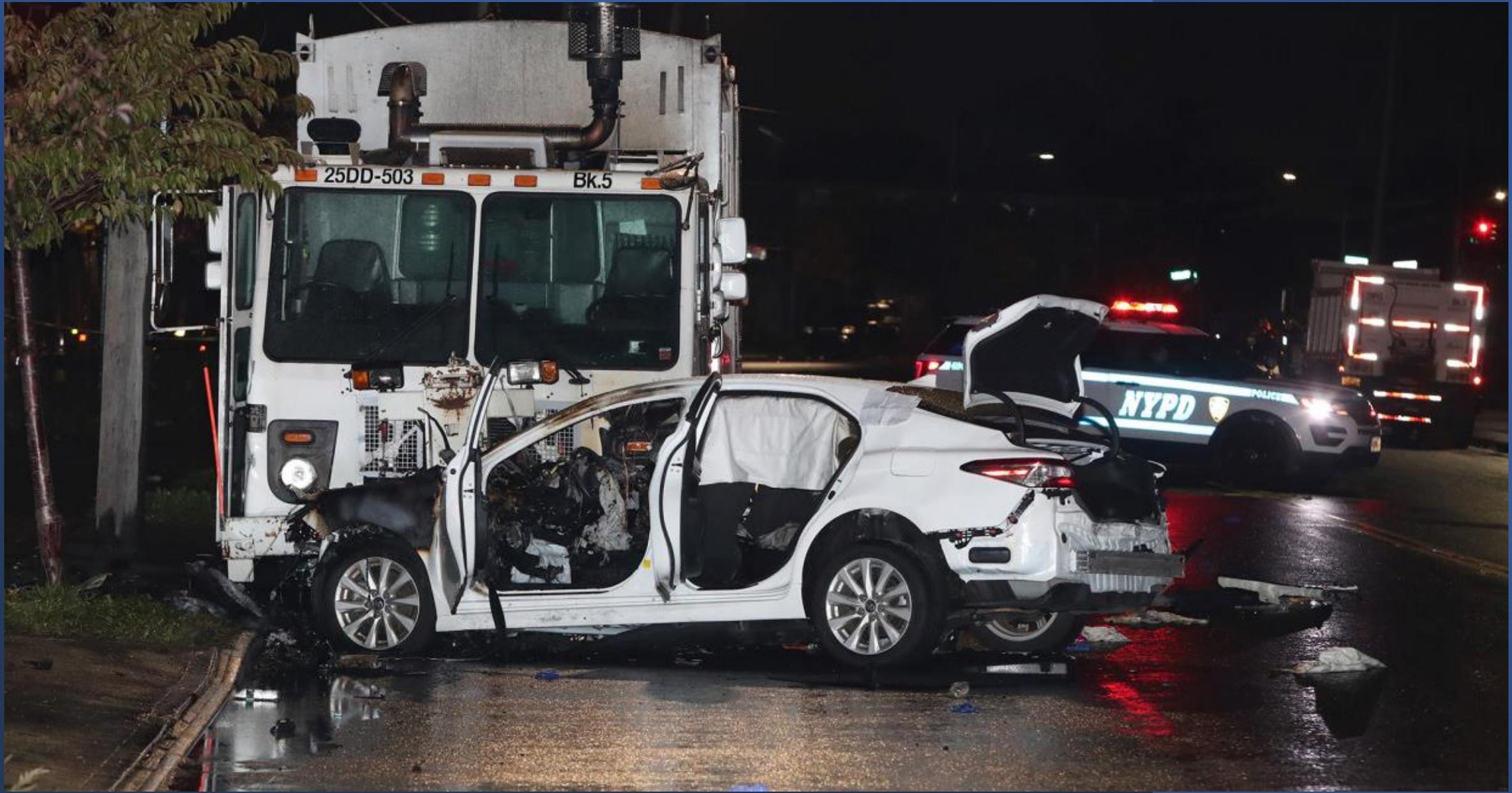
SEMI- TRUCK vs. BUS





BUSES







ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING

Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) effective February 7, 2022

- **CDL Applicants must complete ELDT prior to skills testing if they are applying for:**
 1. **An original Class A or Class B CDL, or**
 2. **Upgrading from a Class B to a Class A CDL**
 3. **Adding a Passenger or School Bus Endorsement for the first time**

Note: ELDT must be completed prior to knowledge testing if the applicant is applying to add a Hazardous Materials Endorsement for the first time.



ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING

STATE DRIVER LICENSING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Must verify ELDT training is completed prior to administering a skills test.
- Must verify ELDT training is completed prior to administering a hazmat endorsement knowledge test to a first-time hazmat applicant.
- **STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGULATIONS**
 - Applicant completed 15.0 Behind-The-Wheel Hours



ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING

FMCSA RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Develop and Maintain Training Provider Registry (TPR)**
- **TPR will retain training providers and CDL applicants training completion**

REMEMBER



- **Commercial Drivers spend more time on the road**
- **CMV Traffic Collisions lead to more fatalities**
- **One Driver, One License and One Record**
- **Timely Convictions = Timely Disqualifications**
- **Preserve Traffic Safety**

QUESTIONS

