

Class A: Trucks or truck combinations weighing with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 26,001 pounds or more, provided towed vehicle is more than 10,000 pounds.

Class B: Straight trucks weighing 26,001 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight Rating or more.

Class C: Vehicles transporting placardable amounts of hazardous materials, or vehicles designated to transport more than 15 persons including the driver with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of less than 26,001 pounds.

YOU MUST HAVE A CDL TO OPERATE:

- Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more.
- A trailer with a GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds if the gross combination weight rating (GCWR) is 26,001 pounds or more.
- A vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver).
- Any size vehicle that is used in the transportation of any material that requires hazardous materials placards or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR 73.

FEES:

Fees for a commercial driver licenses will be \$67 for the initial issue and renewal. Fees for customers who have received school bus training and are applying for employment or employed by a public or non-public school system will be \$27 for the initial issue and \$20 for renewal. Each endorsement is \$7. There is a \$5 fee for written re-exams and a \$10 fee for driving re-exams.

IDENTIFICATION:

The following documents are needed when obtaining your commercial driver license:

- Passport, *original certified* birth certificate, or Certificate of Naturalization;
- Social Security card;
- DOT medical card;
- Out of State driver license, if applicable;
- Proof of lawful presence, if non US Citizen, such as I-551 or I-151, Employment Authorization Card, Immigration Judge's Order granting asylum, and certain I-797 documents.

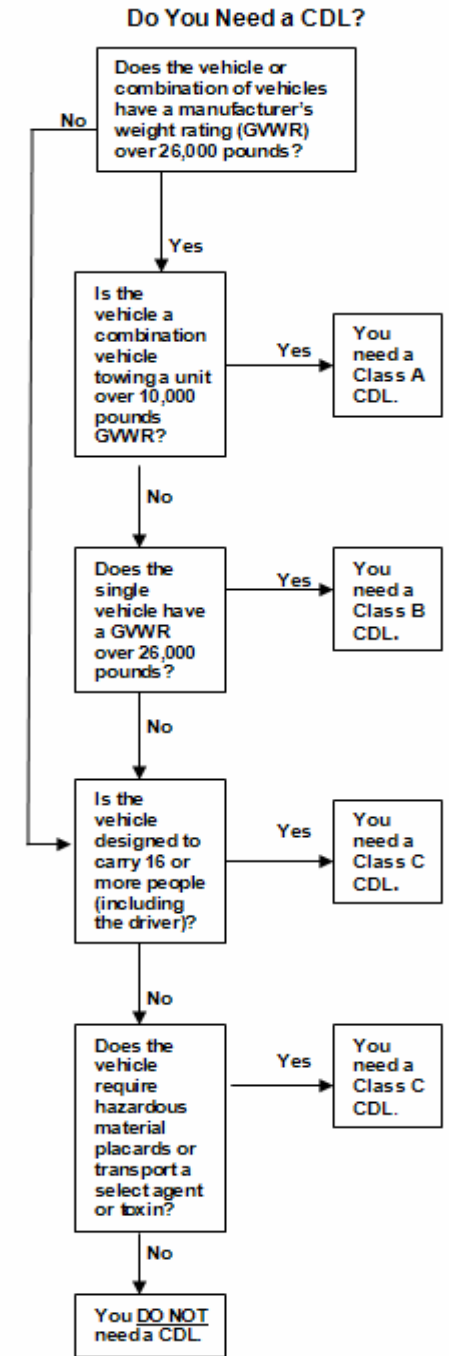
APPOINTMENTS:

Appointments are highly encouraged for CDL written testing, license conversions, hazardous material fingerprinting, or renewals. Appointments are required for skill testing. Appointments can be scheduled on-line at:

www.flhsmv.gov



State of Florida Commercial Driver License



NOTE: A bus may be Class A, B, or C depending on whether the GVWR is over 26,001 pounds or is a combination vehicle.

There are federal and state rules that affect drivers operating CMVs in all states.

- You cannot have more than one license. If you break this rule, a court may fine you up to \$5,000 or put you in jail and keep your home state license and return any others. Your employer may not let you drive a commercial motor vehicle if you have more than one license or if your CDL is suspended or revoked. A court may fine the employer up to \$5,000 or put him/her in jail for breaking this rule.
- You must notify your employer within 30 days of conviction for any traffic violations (except parking). This is true no matter what type of vehicle you were driving.
- You must notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles within 30 days if you are convicted in any other jurisdiction of any traffic violation (except parking). This is true no matter what type of vehicle you were driving.
- You must notify your employer if your license is suspended, revoked, or canceled, or if you are disqualified from driving.
- You must give your employer information on all driving jobs you have held for the past 10 years. You must do this when you apply for a commercial driving job.
- No one can drive a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL. A court may fine you up to \$5,000 or put you in jail for breaking this rule.
- All states are connected to one computerized system to share information about CDL drivers. The states will check on drivers' accident records and be sure that drivers do not have more than one CDL.
- Florida CDL holders are not eligible to elect completion of a driver improvement school to avoid assessment of points for traffic tickets, regardless of whether the violation was committed in a CMV.

To obtain a Commercial Driver's License you must:

- Be a resident of Florida.
- Be at least 18 years of age to drive intrastate and 21 years of age to drive interstate. You must be at least 21 years of age to qualify for the hazardous materials endorsement.
- Surrender any and all other driver licenses issued by Florida or any other state.
- Not be under suspension, revocation, cancellation or disqualification in Florida or any other state.
- Submit a valid medical report or card, if you are required to hold this document.
- Provide proof of your social security number such as the social security card itself or your W-2 Form (photocopies are not acceptable).
- Pass all required tests and pay the proper license fee.
- Must be in compliance with the vision and physical requirements as stated in Part 391 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Handbook.

KNOWLEDGE TESTS

You will have to take one or more knowledge tests, depending on what class of license and what endorsements you need.

- The general knowledge test, taken by all applicants.
- The passenger transport test, taken by all bus driver applicants.
- The air brakes test, which you must take if your vehicle has air brakes, including air over hydraulic brakes.
- The combination vehicles test, which is required if you want to drive combination vehicles.
- The hazardous materials test, required if you want to haul hazardous materials or waste in amounts that require placarding .
- The tanker test, required if you want to haul a liquid or liquid gas.
- The doubles/triples test, required if you want to pull double or triple trailers.
- The School Bus test, required if you want to drive a school bus.

SKILLS TESTS

If you pass the required knowledge test(s), you can take the CDL skills tests. *You must take these tests in the type of vehicle for which you wish to be licensed.*

Pre-trip Vehicle Inspection. You will be tested to see if you know whether your vehicle is safe to drive.

Basic Vehicle Control. You will be tested on your skill to control the vehicle.

On-road Test. You will be tested on your skill to safely drive your vehicle in a variety of traffic situations.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENDORSEMENT Background Check and Disqualifications

If you require a hazardous materials endorsement you will be required to submit your fingerprints and be subject to a background check.

You will be denied or you will lose your hazardous materials endorsement if you:

- Are not a lawful permanent resident of the United States.
- Renounce your United States citizenship.
- Are wanted or under indictment for certain felonies.
- Have a conviction in military or civilian court for certain felonies.
- Have been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental institution.
- Are considered to pose a security threat as determined by the Transportation Security Administration.

A background check fee of \$91.00 is charged to customers for new or renewed hazardous materials endorsements, in addition to other fees for CDL issuance.

Additional CDL information and the complete handbook is available on-line at: www.flhsmv.gov