

Commercial Driver License Update



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Agenda

- What is a commercial learner permit (CLP)?
- How do I get one?
- What are the differences between a P-CDL and a CLP?
- How do I know if I need a CDL?
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- Where can I take my CDL skills test?
- What's next for CDL holders?

Commercial Learner Permit

Or, how I learned
to stop worrying
and love the CLP



What is a commercial learner permit?

- Represents the biggest change to Oregon's CDL program since its inception, over 25 years ago
- The result of federal rulemaking from 2008-2013 that requires states to issue a uniform instructional permit for commercial drivers, replacing Oregon's old P-CDL
- A precondition to initial issuance of any CDL that requires skills testing (includes adding passenger/school bus endorsements)
- Must be held for a minimum of 14 days prior to skills testing
- Possesses a class, endorsements and restrictions similar to a CDL
- Valid for up to one year and may not be renewed without re-taking knowledge tests
- Carries the same penalties and disqualifications as a CDL



So, what do I need to do to get a CLP?

Short answer: not much has changed except the order in which actions or documents are required

Long answer: in order to be issued a CLP, a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older (21+ for interstate commerce)
- Complete the application
- Show proof of legal presence
- Provide a valid medical examiner's certificate (MEC) with any applicable waivers/exemptions
- Take and pass knowledge tests for class/endorsements sought
- Pay the issuance fee

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What's the difference between a P-CDL and CLP?

A tale of two permits

P-CDL

- Not required for CDL issuance
- May be renewed without retesting
- No mandatory wait period prior to skills testing
- Not considered a "commercial driving privilege" for convictions and sanctions

CLP

- Required for CDL issuances that involve skills testing
- Not renewable without retesting
- Carries class, endorsements and restrictions like CDL
- 14 day minimum wait period for skills test
- CDL convictions and sanctions apply



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What else is new?

The CLP rulemaking also brought new restrictions to CDLs issued on or after September 26, 2016. They are:

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If skills test taken in vehicle equipped with automatic transmission

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If Class A skills test taken in combo vehicle equipped with anything other than fifth wheel coupling system

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If skills test taken in vehicle equipped with partial air brake system

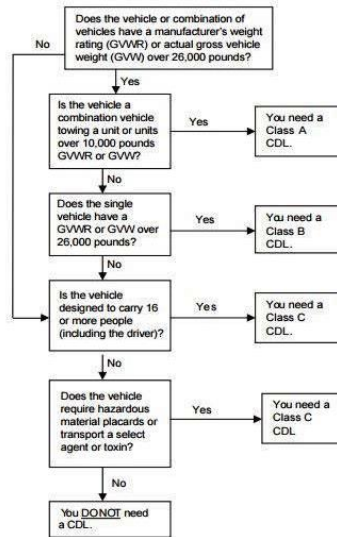


But I'm not driving a big truck, how do I know if I even need a CDL?



You need a CDL if you operate...

- Any **single vehicle** with **GVWR/GVW > 26,000 lbs.**
- Any **combo** with **GCWR/GCW > 26,000 lbs.** when **trailer GVWR/GVW > 10,000 lbs.**
- Any vehicle **designed to transport 16+ passengers** (incl. driver)
- Any vehicle **transporting HazMat**



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.

Changes to the passenger endorsement



Recent guidance from FMCSA also brought a change to Oregon's passenger endorsement



What's new with the "P" endorsement?



Until now, Oregon and many other states operated on the understanding that a vehicle must be designed to transport 16+ passengers including the driver to warrant a passenger endorsement. FMCSA's guidance clarified that Group A (combination) or Group B (heavy straight) vehicles **designed to transport passengers in commerce** require a passenger endorsement, regardless of their capacity.

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What's on the horizon for CDL holders?

Successive federal rulemakings will have a significant impact on commercial drivers



The future of commercial driver licensing

Federal Rules

- **National Registry 2** – Q3 2020 implementation
- **Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse** – January 6, 2020 compliance date; implementation TBD
- **Entry Level Driver Training** – February 7, 2020 compliance date; implementation TBD

Oregon DMV Projects

- **Service Transformation Program (STP)** – Vehicle system implementation late 2018/early 2019; driver system coming mid- to late-2020
- **Driver License Issuance Replacement (DLIR)** – New driver license, permit and ID products coming late 2018



Questions?

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Thank you.

