



Additional Endorsements

T: Double/Triple Trailers (requires a knowledge test)

P: Passenger Vehicles (requires both a knowledge and a skills test)

N: Tank Vehicles (requires a knowledge test)

H: Hazardous Materials (requires a knowledge test and the TSA Threat Assessment)

X: Tank Vehicle/Hazardous Materials Combination (requires a knowledge test and the TSA Threat Assessment)

S: School Bus (Requires both a knowledge and a skills test)

Additional Requirements to Acquire a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, and must apply by state and pay an application fee. Applicants must also typically provide evidence of identity and social security, proof of state and US residency, submit a completed medical examination report and certificate, and pass a vision test.



Other related majors

Commercial drivers may also pursue bachelors and higher degrees in other related majors including: safety, business, transportation, logistics, or other relevant areas to enhance their knowledge and skillsets and advance their careers.



CDL Training Programs

The average length for a full time Class A CDL program is 7 weeks. Class B and C programs are typically shorter due to the smaller number of vehicles these licenses are qualified to operate. The course length will depend on the organization offering the program, the type of license class, whether endorsements will be added, and the state's driving hour requirement

Typical Program Credentials

Class A License: allows for operation of tractor-trailers, truck and trailer combinations, tractor-trailer buses, tanker vehicles, livestock carriers, flatbeds, with a gross combination weight rating greater than 26,000 pounds.

Class B License: allows for operation of straight trucks, large buses, segmented buses, box trucks, dump trucks with small trailers with gross combination weight rating greater than 26,000 and/or a vehicle that is towing another vehicle weighing up to 10,000 pounds.

Class C License: allows for operation of small HAZMAT vehicles, passenger vans, combination vehicles not described in Class A or B or transporting hazardous materials.



High School Diploma

Transportation-related career academies