

ODPS Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles **Commercial Driver License (CDL)****Who Needs a CDL?**

Ohio Revised Code, Section 4506.01 (D)
The classes of CDL and the commercial motor vehicles that they authorize the operation of are as follows: [+]

Classes of CDL Licenses

Ohio Revised Code, Section 4506.12 (B)
The classes of CDL and the commercial motor vehicles that they authorize the operation of are as follows:

Class A [+]

Class B [+]

Class C [+]

The higher class CDL allows you to drive vehicles in any of the lower classes provided you have the correct endorsements.

Occasional drivers are also required to apply for a CDL and all appropriate endorsements. For example: Mechanics or truck sales people who test drive on a public roadway.

In addition to a CDL, drivers may need special endorsements if they: [+]

Endorsements and Restrictions

The following endorsements and restrictions apply to commercial drivers' licenses: [+]

CDL Exemptions

The law exempts these categories from the CDL:

A "Farm Truck" [+]

Fire Equipment [+]

Public Safety Vehicle [+]

Recreational Vehicle [+]

Commercial Motor Vehicle [+]

Vehicle Operated for Military Purpose [+]

Nonbusiness Commercial Motor Vehicle [+]

Vehicle Designed for Transporting Goods [+]

*Eligible unit of local government means a village, township, or county that has no population of not more than 3,000 persons according to the most recent federal census.

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Fees

To obtain a CDL you will need to pay the appropriate fees.

- \$10.00 for the pre-trip inspection portion of the test;
- \$10.00 for the off-road maneuvering portion of the test;
- \$30.00 for the on-road portion of the test.

The CDL applicant who schedules an appointment with the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP), may have to pay an appointment fee of \$50.00 at the time he schedules the appointment. These fees are in addition to any fees

Click [HERE](#) to view the fees for the various types of commercial driver's licenses (CDL) issued.

Procedures for Obtaining a CDL or CDL Instruction Permit

To get a CDL or CDL instruction permit (CDIP) you are required to be at least 18 years of age and have a valid Ohio State driver's license.

NOTE: Employers may impose additional standards and/or higher age requirements.

Bring the following to the licensing office: [+]
Hazardous Materials Information

Renewal/Upgrade

When applying for a renewal or upgrade of a CDL, all applicants shall:

- Provide any updated information;
- Pass a written hazardous materials test if wishing to retain or upgrade a hazardous materials endorsement;
- Complete any additional testing requirements for an upgrade.

Individuals renewing a current Ohio driver license, Ohio commercial driver license (CDL), or Ohio identification (ID) card are no longer be required to present a Social Security card at an Ohio BMV license agency for verification at the time of renewal.

Testing

Both the knowledge (written) and skill (driving) tests are required to receive a CDL. A knowledge test is required for:

- The class of vehicle;
- Each endorsement; and
- Removing the air brake restriction.

The skill test consists of a pre-trip inspection and a road test, and takes up to 90 minutes.

Medical Waiver Procedures

All commercial drivers must meet minimum medical standards as established by federal (49 C.F.R.391) and state (Ohio Revised Code, Section 4506.10) rules and regulations.

Intrastate [+]

Interstate [+]

Special Requirements

- You are required to notify your employer if your license is suspended, revoked, or cancelled or if you are disqualified from operating a commercial vehicle. Do this before the end of the business day following the day you received notice of the action.
- You must notify your employer, in writing, of all traffic convictions within 30 days. This includes those in your private automobile as well as a commercial vehicle.
- You must notify the CDL/Out of State Processing Unit, in writing, of all out-of-state traffic convictions within 30 days of the conviction. Write to: Bureau of Motor Vehicles, P.O. Box 16784, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0084.

Mail information to: PUCO; 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Fax information to: (614) 752-8349

Any questions concerning an intrastate medical waiver should be directed to PUCO at 614-466-3191.

Requests for intrastate medical waivers are processed promptly and mailed to the driver. After receipt of the medical waiver, application can be made for a CDL license. The medical waiver and the CDL license must be carried at all times when operating a commercial vehicle.

Vision Screening**Qualifications for Commercial Interstate Driving Privileges:**

- Applicant must be binocular
- Must achieve a minimum acuity of 20/40 in each eye with or without lenses
- Must have a visual field of not less than 70 degrees in the horizontal meridian in each eye
- An applicant who must meet the Federal 391 medical standards and is applying for a school bus endorsement or commercial driver license must meet the acuity, horizontal, and color test fields

Commercial Intrastate (Ohio only) Driving Privileges:

Ohio CDL Manual
All BMV Forms

You will need to provide a vehicle appropriate to the class of license you apply for, including a bus (designed to carry 16 or more persons including the driver) if applying for a passenger endorsement.

If unable to meet the above standards, an applicant for a commercial driver license may qualify for intrastate driving privileges (K2 restriction on license) if they meet normal Class D acuity and horizontal field standards.

After a CDL is issued, adding a passenger endorsement, upgrading a license or removing a restriction requires both knowledge and skill tests and applicable fees.

CDL Waiver

The BMV does not offer a waiver to CDL drivers. If the driver has a K2 restriction (Ohio driving only) they must contact either PUCO or the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to obtain a waiver to drive for a PUCO-regulated company in Ohio.

All drivers who surrender the CDL license or any endorsement will be required to pay all applicable fees and retake both the knowledge and skill tests to obtain a CDL.

CDL Disqualification Ohio Revised Code, Section 4506.16

You can be disqualified or lose your commercial driver's license for certain convictions.

NOTE: Retesting is only required when downgrading the class of license, or your driver license has expired past 6 months during the course of the suspension.

A hearing may be requested within 30 days of the mailing of the notice of disqualification. If the hearing is granted the disqualification will be stayed pending the outcome.

First Conviction

Ohio Revised Code (OCR)	Description	Length
ORC 4506.16(D)5	Two serious traffic violations within a three-year period	60 days
ORC 4506.16(D)6	Three serious traffic violations within a three-year period	120 days
4506.15(A)2	BAC of .04% or more	One year
4506.15(A)5	Under influence of controlled substance	One year
4506.15(A)6	Using the commercial vehicle in the commission of a felony	One year
4506.15(A)7	Refusing to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	One year

If convicted of any of the above while operating a vehicle placarded for hazardous materials, the disqualification increases to three years under 4506.16(B)6 of the ORC.

Second Conviction

4506.15(A)2	BAC of .04% or more	Life
4506.15(A)5	Under influence of controlled substance	Life
4506.15(D)	Leaving the scene of a traffic crash	Life
4506.15(E)	Using the commercial vehicle in the commission of a felony	Life
4506.15(F)	Refusing to submit to a blood, breath or urine test	Life
4506.16(B)4	First time commission of a felony with a controlled substance	Life
4506.15(A)7	First Violation of Out-of-Service	90 days
4506.16(A)2	Second Violation of Out-of-Service	One year
4506.16(A)3	Third Violation of Out-of-Service	Three years

Violation of Out-of-Service (Transporting Hazardous Materials)

4506.16(B)1	First Violation of Out-of-Service	180 days
4506.16(B)2	Second Violation of Out-of-Service	Three years

NOTE: Under Ohio's commercial driver's license law, any person who holds a CDL shall be deemed to have consented to such testing as is required of him/her by any state or jurisdiction. If any level of alcohol is detected, law enforcement can place a commercial driver out-of-service for 24 hours. It is illegal to operate a commercial vehicle with any alcohol in your system.

CDL Skills/Testing Locations

State Operated

1361 E. Main St.	Newark 43055	(740) 345-4818
8730 Lake Rd.	Seville 44273	(330) 769-5090
8210 County Road 140	Findlay 45840	(419) 423-2841
25 McCarthy Lane	Jackson 45640	(740) 286-4245
3701 Tylus Ave.	Middletown 45042	(513) 422-1842

Public/Third Party Operated

*Ameristar CDL	14056 Moulton New Knoxville Rd.	Wapakoneta	419) 738-6800
*Atlas Brooklyn CDL-Testing	8800 Clinton Rd.	Brooklyn	(330) 809-0791
*Atlas Massillon CDL-Testing	1211 3rd Street	Massillon	(330) 809-0791
*CDL of Northern Ohio	202 C. Republic Street	Norwalk	(419) 660-0016
*CDL Testing inc	4060 Perimeter Dr.	Columbus	(614) 294-3684
*Northeast CDL Center	23555 Euclid Ave.	Euclid	(216) 987-3390
*Northwest CDL Center	26718 Oregon Rd.	Perrysburg	(419) 837-9400
*Pike County Joint Vocational School	175 Beaver Creek Rd.	Piketon	(740) 289-5860
*Rathburn Enterprises	1688 Pricetown Rd.	Lake Milton	(330) 538-2216
Commercial Transportation Testing	1475 Upper Valley Pike, Suite 140	Springfield	1-877-384-6902 937) 325-3306
*US America/ Manufacturing inc.	8334 State Route 36	Gnadenhutten	(740) 254-9313

* All testing locations denoted with an asterisk have vehicles available to rent for testing purposes with the exception of the school bus test.



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