

What Class CDL and Endorsements Do I Need?

The ABC's of Commercial Driving



I want to operate a tractor trailer

With a Class A CDL, you can operate tractor trailers, which are combination vehicles and any Class B or C vehicle*

* Additional endorsements are required for some vehicles.

Requirements for Class A:

- CDL General Knowledge Test
- o Air Brakes Knowledge Test
- Combination Knowledge Test
- Take the CDL Road Skills Test in a Class A Vehicle





I want to operate vehicles like a box truck or dump truck

With a Class B CDL, you can operate single unit vehicles such as box trucks, dump trucks, mixer trucks, flatbed trucks and any Class C vehicle*

* Additional endorsements are required for some vehicles

Requirements for Class B:

- General CDL Knowledge Test
- o Air Brakes Knowledge Test
- Road Skills Test in a Class B Vehicle





I want to operate a school bus

For any passenger vehicle carrying 16 or more persons including the driver, you will need a "Passenger" endorsement and "School Bus" to go along with your CDL license.

* Additional endorsements are required for some vehicles.

Requirements for School Bus:

- Passenger Knowledge Test
- School Bus Knowledge Test
- Road Skills Test in a School Bus





I want to operate a shuttle bus

If you want to drive a vehicle under with a gross weight under 26,000 lbs. but it can carry 16 or more passengers including the driver, you will need a Class C CDL at minimum along with "Passenger" endorsement.

* Additional endorsements are required for some vehicles

Requirements for Class C:

- General Knowledge Test
- Passenger Knowledge Test
- Road Test in a Shuttle Bus Vehicle



CDL Endorsements



Double/Triple (T)



Tank Vehicle (N)



Tank & Hazardous Materials (X)



Passenger Transport (P)



Hazardous Materials (H) (any size vehicles)



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CDL Knowledge Test Requirements for Endorsements

Class A Endorsements

- **T** Double/ Triple Trailer
- **P** Passenger
- \circ **S** School Bus
- H Hazardous Materials
- o **N** − Tank

Class B Endorsements

- **P** Passenger
- \circ **S** School Bus
- H Hazardous Materials
- o **N Tank**

Class C Endorsements

- **P** Passenger
- S School Bus
- H Hazardous Materials

Endorsements for H and N may not be obtained prior to the issuance of the appropriate DC DMV REAL ID CDL (Class A, B or C).

