

CHANGE MATRIC CDL GUIDE 2017 versus 2020 CHAPTER 1

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<p>This Commercial Driver License (CDL) Guide is a summary of the laws and rules that apply to all drivers of commercial motor vehicles in Washington State. It is not a book of laws, and should not be used as a basis for any legal claims or actions. Regulations put into effect by federal or state agencies may go beyond state laws but cannot conflict with them.</p> <p>We welcome your comments and suggestions. Send them to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Communications and Education Department of Licensing 1125 Washington Street SE Olympia WA 98501</p> <p>For your convenience, additional contact information is given below.</p> <p>Department of Licensing (DOL) Website: www.dol.wa.gov</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For information about driving records, reinstatements, and eligibility. Telephone: (360) 902-3900</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For vehicle questions: Prorate (IRP) (360) 664-1858 IFTA (360) 664-1868</p>	<p>NOT in this version</p>

Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Telephone: (360) 753-9875 Website: www.fmcsa.dot.gov

- Hours of service
- Equipment
- Interstate medical waivers
- Federal rules and regulations

Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Telephone: (855) 347-8371 Website: <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov>

- Hazmat endorsement eligibility
- Threat assessments
- Background checks
- Fingerprints

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You might be looking at sex trafficking if you see ...

- Signs that prostitution is taking place
- Women or children looking fearful, disheveled or crying
- Multiple cars and different men continually going in and out of a residence
- Someone (typically older male) being controlling, threatening or even violent with an individual (typically younger female)
- Extraordinary security measures for a business or home

Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-888 (US) 1-833-900-1010 (Canada)



1. Introduction

This section covers:

- Commercial Driver License Tests
- Medical Requirements
- Driver Disqualifications

Section 1

INTRODUCTION

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- Medical Requirements
- Driver Disqualifications
- Other Safety Rules

<p>Other Safety Rules</p> <p>International Registration Program</p> <p>Nationwide CDL Rules</p> <p>Washington State Laws and Rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Registration Program • Nationwide CDL Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washington State Laws and Rules
<p>Commercial Learners Permit</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) for 14 days prior to taking a skills test for the type of vehicle and endorsements they intend to operate. This requires drivers to successfully complete all applicable CDL knowledge tests.</p>	<p>1.3.1 - Commercial Learners Permit</p> <p>Applicants must hold a Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) for a minimum of 14 days prior to taking a skills test for the type of vehicle and endorsements they intend to operate. This requires drivers to successfully complete all applicable CDL knowledge tests.</p>
<p>Mandatory Training Requirements</p> <p>Washington State requires anyone getting an original CDL to complete minimum training requirements per WAC 308-100-033.</p> <p>There are two ways to meet this requirement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Complete a certified course from an approved commercial driver training school. Schools must be recognized and curriculums approved by the Department of Licensing (DOL).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hours of training must meet the requirements as outlined under state law.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Complete a course of commercial driver training as required by your employer. Employers must be registered with DOL.</p> <p>Visit www.dol.wa.gov for more information on training and licensing requirements.</p>	<p>1.3.3. - Mandatory Training Requirements</p> <p>Washington State requires anyone getting an original CDL to complete minimum training requirements per WAC 308-100-033 & 308-100-035</p> <p>There are two ways to meet this requirement:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Complete a certified course from an approved commercial driver training school.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In state and out of state training schools must be registered by the Department of Licensing (DOL) and must teach a curriculum that is equal to or greater than specified in WAC 308-100-033.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hours of training must meet the requirements as outlined under state law. Complete a course of commercial driver training by your employer.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Employers must be registered with DOL and must teach a curriculum that is equal to or greater than specified in WAC 308-100-035.</p> <p>Visit www.dol.wa.gov for more information on training and licensing requirements</p>
<p>Skills Tests</p> <p>Based on examiner availability, each licensing office will determine whether your skills test will be conducted by a state or contracted third party Examiner. All skills test must be scheduled at a minimum of three (3) days in advance.</p>	<p>1.4.2. - Skills Tests</p> <p>To schedule a CDL skills test, you will need to call the Department of Licensing CDL Skills Test Program, Scheduling. Based on examiner availability, DOL will determine whether your skills test will be conducted by a state or contracted Third Party Examiner (TPE). If testing with a DOL examiner, you will be required to pay for your skills test over the phone before your test can be scheduled. All skills test must be scheduled at a minimum of three (3) days in advance.</p>
<p>Military Skills Test Waiver. Certain Military commercial drivers may be waived from having to take a skills test when applying for a class “A” or “B” CDL. This waiver applies to service members who are currently licensed and who are or were employed within the past year (twelve months) in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a commercial motor vehicle</p>	<p>1.4.3. - Military Skills Test Waiver. Certain Military commercial drivers as specified in CFR 383.77, may be waived from having to take a knowledge and skills test when applying for a class “A” or “B” CDL. These waivers apply to service members who are currently licensed and who are or were employed within the past year (twelve months) in a</p>

(CMV). No CDL knowledge test(s) can be waived. School bus and/or passenger endorsement skills test cannot be waived. For more detail instructions and information, visit www.dol.wa.gov	military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). For more detail instructions and information, visit www.dol.wa.gov .
CDL Medical Unit Department of Licensing P.O. Box 9030 Olympia WA 98507-9030 Fax: (360) 570-4915 Email: CDLMED@dol.wa.gov Note: The CDLMED email address is for sending required forms for processing. For questions on CDL self-certification or forms, contact our Customer Service Center at (360) 902-3900.	CDL Medical Unit Department of Licensing P.O. Box 9030 Olympia WA 98507-9030 Fax: (360) 570-4915 Email: CDLMED@dol.wa.gov Upload at https://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/cdlmedicalcertificates.html Note: The CDLMED email address is for sending required forms for processing. For questions on CDL self-certification or forms, contact our Customer Service Center at (360) 902-3900.

Chapter 2 – Driving Safely

Section 2.1.3	Section 2.1.3
What to look for. Emergency equipment	“Warning devices for parked vehicles.
Section 2.1.4	Section 2.1.4
Vehicle inspection test	“You must point to/touch and <u>name</u> the item you are inspecting....”
Section 2.3.1 – Manual Transmissions	Section 2.3.1 – Manual Transmissions
Rephrased 1 st paragraph	“Most heavy vehicles with unsynchronized manual transmission require double clutching to change gears. If equipped with a synchronized manual transmission, double clutching is NOT required”
Section 2.10.1	Section 2.10.1
added the following example to the end of the paragraph	(i.e. changing lanes frequently and abruptly without notice)”
Section 2.23, Figure 2.24	Section 2.23, Figure 2.24
	Removed “Fuel” from Class 3 Example. Changed Battery Acid to Battery Fluid in Class 8 Example
Section 2.23.3	Section 2.23.3
Placards changed placard size from 10 ¾	to 9.84” (250mm)

Chapter 4 – Transporting Passengers Safely

Section 4.1.1	Section 4.1.1
	Moved last paragraph from Section 4.1.4 to this section

Chapter 6 – Combination Vehicles

Section 6.4.3	Section 6.4.3
	Coupling a Pintle Hook
Section 6.4.4	Section 6.4.4
	Uncoupling a Pintle Hook
Section 6.4.5	Section 6.4.5
	Coupling a Drawbar
Section 6.4.6	Section 6.4.6
	Uncoupling a Drawbar
Section 6.4.7	Section 6.4.7
	Coupling a Gooseneck Hitch
Section 6.4.8	Section 6.4.8
	Uncoupling a Gooseneck Hitch

Chapter 9 – Hazardous Materials

Section 9, 2 nd paragraph	Section 9, 2 nd paragraph
Change parts 100 – 180	Changed the regulatory cite to 49 CFR 171 - 180
Section 9, Figure 9.1	Section 9, Figure 9.1
Updated Class E	To None
Section 9, Figure 9.2	Section 9, Figure 9.2
	new Organic Peroxide placard
Section 9.3.3	Section 9.3.3
2 nd paragraph Placards changed placard size from 10 ¾	to 9.84" (250mm)
Section 9, Figure 9.4	Section 9, Figure 9.4
Update the Special Provisions for IN1841	to IB8, IP3, IP7, T1, TP33
Section 9, Figure 9.5	Section 9, Figure 9.5
Updated regulation to 49 CFR 172.101	Removed @ from Phenyl mercaptan. Removed "N" from Phenylthiourea. Changed Phosphoric acid, lead salt to read Phosphoric acid, lead (2+) salt (2:3). Deleted comment and last row in table.
Section 9.3.3 Hazmat Table Column 4	Section 9.3.3 Hazmat Table Column 4

	Added "NA" or "ID" added an explanation of "ID".
Section 9.3.3 Hazmat Table Column 6	Section 9.3.3 Hazmat Table Column 6
changed dual hazard	"multiple" hazards
Section 9, Pg 9-7	Section 9, Pg 9-7
Important Note Changed Parts 100 – 185	171 – 180
Section 9, Pg 9-10	Section 9, Pg 9-10
Changed 119 gallons or more	greater than 119 gallons
Section 9, Class 7	Section 9, Class 7
7 added regulatory cite	49 CFR177.842
Section 9.6.6	Section 9.6.6
Class 4	4.1. Added Class 5 (oxidizers)
Section 9.7.5	Section 9.7.5
Changed etiologic agents	to Infectious substances. Added info about Marine Pollutant spills to last bullet
Hazard Class Definitions, Figure 9.11	Hazard Class Definitions, Figure 9.11
	Removed "Fuel" from Class 3 Example. Changed Battery Acid to Battery Fluid in Class 8 Example
Section 9.8	Section 9.8
Revised Carrier to read	A person who transports passengers or property in commerce by rail car, aircraft, motor vehicle or vessel.
Section 9, Pg 9-20	Section 9, Pg 9-20
Removed RSPA and left PHMSA	Changed Shipping Paper to read "A shipping order, bill of lading, manifest, or other shipping document serving a similar purpose prepared in accordance with subpart C of Part 172. Non-bulk packaging, added 4 th paragraph

Chapter 11 – Vehicle Inspection

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11.1 Overview of CDL Skills test	11.1 Overview of CDL Skills test
You can take your CDL skills test after passing the required knowledge tests for the commercial class and vehicle type you wish to be licensed for. CDL	You can take your CDL skills test after passing the required knowledge tests, obtained a CLP and course completions have been submitted for the commercial class and vehicle type you wish to be licensed for. CDL skills testing is

skills testing is conducted in English only. Use of interpreters or bilingual examiners is not allowed.	conducted in English only. Use of interpreters or bilingual examiners is not allowed.
Complete all three parts of the skills test before your Commercial Learners Permit (CLP) expires.	Complete all three parts of the skills test before your Commercial Learners Permit (CLP) expires. When a permit gets renewed or upgraded, but the skills test has not been completed prior to the upgrade, previously passed segments are voided, and all three segments need to be retaken.
3-day notice and 7-day waiting period is required after failing a Road Test.	7-day notice/waiting period is required after failing a Road Test
11.2 – General Test Rules	11.2 – General Test Rules
A representative vehicle must be used to complete all three parts of the skills test. For example, you cannot complete any part(s) of the test(s) in separate vehicles, equipped differently, to simplify test standards, or to provide an unfair advantage. If a driver begins the Vehicle Inspection with a tractor equipped with a sleeper berth, manual transmission, and coupled to a 53-foot trailer, they must continue any remaining test(s) in the same vehicle, or same vehicle configuration. If a different vehicle configuration is used, where the vehicle or vehicle equipment varies from an earlier passed test(s), prior passed test results will be voided, and the driver will be required to start the skills test over in the current vehicle being used or return with the previous vehicle configuration.	A representative vehicle must be used to complete all three parts of the skills test. For example, you cannot complete any part(s) of the test(s) in separate vehicles, equipped differently, to simplify test standards, or to provide an unfair advantage. If a driver begins the Vehicle Inspection with a tractor equipped with a sleeper cab, manual transmission, and coupled to a 53-foot trailer, they must continue any remaining test(s) in the same vehicle, or a similar vehicle configuration (Day cab cannot be used when first test was a sleeper cab). If a different vehicle configuration is used, where the vehicle or vehicle equipment varies from an earlier passed test(s), prior passed test results will be voided, and the driver will be required to start the skills test over in the current vehicle being used or return with the previous vehicle configuration.
Skills Test Ground Rules	Skills Test Ground Rules
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid Skills Test Results form—ensure you have passed all required knowledge tests for the type of vehicle you wish to test in. 	REMOVED
A valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate	A valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate either a paper or electronic copy

Valid proof of testing vehicle insurance	Valid proof of insurance for the vehicle that will be used for testing either a paper copy or electronic must be in the vehicle
Do not take the following to your test: • A loaded vehicle. Hazardous materials.	Do not take the following to your test: • A loaded vehicle. With enclosed trailers or box-trucks, examiner is required to verify the inside of the cargo area. If that is not possible, the test will be cancelled. • Hazardous materials. • A vehicle where the speed is governed and cannot achieve posted speed limits.
During the test	During the test
No smoking is allowed within 25 feet of the skills test parking area, in or outside of your vehicle. Your appointment may be cancelled for disregarding this requirement	No smoking is allowed within the skills test area, in or outside of your vehicle. Your appointment may be cancelled for disregarding this requirement
No weapons are allowed in the vehicle.	No weapons are allowed in the vehicle or on the CDL skills test site.
No memory aids are allowed.	No memory aids of any kind are allowed
Customer Ground Rules	Customer Ground Rules
• No interference from trainers, coworkers, or others. They must stay in designated waiting area(s) and not give signals of any kind.	• No interference from trainers, co-workers, or others. They must stay in designated waiting area(s) and not give signals of any kind. o Note: Perceived signals given could result in cancellation of the test
• Practicing at any CDL skills test site is prohibited. NOTE: CDL skills test site is defined as the location where all the components of a skills test is conducted	• Practicing at any CDL skills test site is prohibited NOTE: CDL skills test site is defined as a location (certified by DOL) where all or any of the segments of a skills test is conducted.
11.3 – Vehicle Inspection Test	11.3 – Vehicle Inspection Test
First, the examiner will instruct you to activate your lighting components, perform your air supply system checks and next, complete the remainder of your in-cab/bus inspections. Upon successfully	11.3.1 Order of Vehicle Inspection First , you must demonstrate/activate all applicable lighting components. Second: Perform your air supply system checks and complete your in-cab/bus inspections.

<p>completing those checks, you may complete your Vehicle Inspection in any order you wish. Also, failure to properly demonstrate and/or verbalize required numbers or ranges of the vehicle’s air supply system checks will stop the Vehicle Inspection immediately after attempting those checks.</p>	<p>Third: Upon successfully completing previous checks, you may complete your Vehicle Inspection in any order you wish. Also, failure to properly demonstrate and/or verbalize required numbers or ranges of the vehicle’s air supply system checks will stop the Vehicle Inspection immediately after attempting those checks.</p>
<p>When you are outside of your vehicle, inspect the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you are outside of your vehicle, the following areas need to be inspected (can be done in any order):
<p>During the Vehicle Inspection, you must show that the vehicle is safe to drive. The examiner will score your ability to identify and inspect items on your vehicle. You must point to or touch each item you are inspecting and explain how you are checking that item. Be specific. General explanations such as “looks good” “it’s in good condition” or, “I’m checking to ensure the item is secure” are not acceptable and you will be asked for more detail. You will NOT have to crawl under the hood or under the vehicle.</p>	<p>During the Vehicle Inspection, you must show that the vehicle is safe to drive. The examiner will score your ability to identify and inspect items on your vehicle.</p> <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name (i.e. alternator) • Point to or touch each item you are inspecting • Explain how you are checking that item. <p>Be specific. General explanations such as “looks good” “it’s in good condition” or, “I’m checking to ensure the item is secure” are not acceptable and you will be asked for more detail. You will NOT have to crawl under the hood or under the vehicle</p>
<p>Method 2</p>	<p>Method 2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the examiner that you would complete the same inspection for other “like” items (you must identify each “like” item by naming the component, while pointing to or touching the item) in each inspection zone where the component is located. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform the examiner that you would complete the same inspection for other “like” items (you must identify each “like” item by naming the component, while pointing to or touching the item and referring back to previous items (i.e. “I’ll inspect this rim and these lug nuts, the same as I did with the front axle”), in each inspection zone where the component is located.
<p>If using Method 2, you will not receive credit for completing the inspection(s) if not all of a component’s inspection criteria is covered or the criteria varies from an earlier inspected “like” item.</p>	<p>Note: If using Method 2, you will not receive credit for completing the inspection(s) if not all of a component’s inspection criteria is covered or the criteria varies from an earlier inspected</p>

	<p>“like” item. You also will not receive credit for not identifying and/or locating the items.</p>
<p align="center">Equipment Failure</p>	<p align="center">Equipment Failure</p>
<p>Not in this version</p>	<p align="center">ADDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEF indicators show below 1/8 of a tank • REGEN warning lights are on <p>Note: Regarding DPF (Diesel Particulate Filter) REGEN</p> <p>What is a forced regeneration? A forced regen occurs when soot builds up inside the diesel particulate filter (DPF) to the point that the vehicle is no longer operable. When this happens, a driver has to pull over and initiate a self-cleaning process that can take up to 40 minutes — valuable time that could have been spent on the road. Feb 19, 2019</p> <p>How long does a forced Regen take? 20 to 40 minutes</p> <p>The regeneration process takes anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes to complete. During that time your engine RPM will increase, but it will return to normal when regen is done. You may also see the High Exhaust System Temperature (HEST) light, which simply means what the name indicates. Sep 3, 2014</p> <p>How often should I Regen my truck? Depending on your driving, active regeneration may happen as often as once a day. If you do a lot of stop and go, it can happen even more often. Frequency depends on duty cycle and how much soot collects – as often as once a day or every other day An active regeneration could take up to one-half hour or more. Jun 22, 2016</p> <p>Can a blocked DPF cause turbo failure? “Constant short distances are not good for the turbo or exhaust system.” To help prevent turbo failure caused by DPFs: ... This can replicate the environment of a blocked DPF. If the DPF is blocked, always replace the turbocharger core assembly to prevent possible oil leaks.</p>

Fuel system	Fuel and DEF tanks
Vehicle doors, driver and passenger Doors damaged to an extent that would make them difficult to open in an emergency, or door(s) that will not properly close	Driver and passenger doors Doors damaged to an extent that would make them difficult to open or door(s) that will not properly close.
11.4 – External/Internal Inspection (All Vehicles)	11.4 – External/Internal Inspection (All Vehicles)
Coolant Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspect reservoir sight glass, or (If engine is not hot), remove radiator cap and check for visible coolant level. 	Coolant Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspect reservoir sight glass, or how to check when there is not a sight glass by explaining to the examiner that you would remove the radiator cap and check for visible coolant level and it is at an adequate level. <p>Note: Explanation only, do NOT remove the radiator cap.</p>
Engine Compartment Unit/Belts	Engine Compartment Unit/Belts
NOT IN 2017 Version	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydraulic Brake Master Cylinder and brake fluid (When equipped): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brake fluid is at adequate fluid level which must be in between the add and full mark
Note: If any of the components listed above are not belt driven, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tell the examiner which component(s) are not belt driven. Make sure all component(s) are operating properly, are not damaged or leaking, and are mounted securely. 	<p>Make sure all components (air compressor, alternator, power steering unit, water pump and if applicable hydraulic brake master cylinder) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating properly, Not damaged or leaking, Mounted securely. <p>Identifies and checks all belts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not frayed/loose fibers, No cracks, no signs of wear, Deflects no more than 1/2 to 3/4 inch, (explain not physically check).

	<p>Note: If any of the components listed in Engine Compartment Unit/Belts are belt driven or gear driven, you must tell the examiner which component(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are belt driven or gear driven, • Which belt drives which component.
<p>Safe Start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depress clutch. • Place gearshift lever in neutral (or park, for automatic transmissions). • Start engine, then release clutch slowly. 	<p>Safe Start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depress clutch. • Place gearshift lever in neutral (or park, for automatic transmissions). • Start engine, then release clutch slowly. Make sure you are checking all ABS lights (dashboard and exterior) and if applicable DEF light.
<p>Temperature Gauge</p>	<p>Water/Coolant Temperature Gauge</p>

<p>Ammeter/Voltmeter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that gauge shows alternator and/or generator is charging or that warning light is off. 	<p>Ammeter/Voltmeter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With key on and engine running, check that gauge shows alternator/voltmeter is charging or that warning light is off.
<p>Mirrors and Windshield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mirrors should be clean and adjusted properly. • Windshield should be clean with no illegal stickers, no obstructions, or damage to the glass. 	<p>Mirrors and Windshield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Mirrors (internal and external) should be clean, securely mounted, no loose fittings and brackets, no damage, no illegal stickers, and adjusted properly <p>Windshield should be clean with no illegal stickers, no obstructions, or damage to the glass.</p>
<p>Emergency Equipment</p> <p>Note: If the vehicle is not equipped with electrical fuses, you must mention this to the examiner</p>	<p>Emergency Equipment</p> <p>Note: If the vehicle is not equipped with electrical fuses, you must mention “vehicle is equipped with circuit breakers” to the examiner</p>
<p>Wipers/Washers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that wiper arms and blades are secure, not damaged, and operate smoothly. • If equipped, windshield washers must operate correctly 	<p>Wipers/Washers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that wiper arms and blades are secure, not damaged, and operate smoothly (demonstration). • If equipped, windshield washers must operate correctly (demonstration).
<p>Lighting Indicators</p> <p>Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) indicator</p>	<p>Lighting Indicators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-lock Braking System (ABS) indicator. When starting the engine, the applicant checks the dashboard to ensure the ABS lighting indicator illuminates and then promptly turns off. If the ABS lighting indicator remains illuminated the ABS is not functioning properly and needs to be serviced (not a reason for equipment failure). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For combination vehicles only, check the ABS light on the rear driver’s side of the trailer. If the ABS light is illuminated, the ABS is not functioning properly and needs to be serviced.

	<p>Note: ABS light(s) (when applicable) need to be checked during the safety start.</p>
<p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p>DEF warning lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks that DEF lights do not show below 1/8 of a tank. If it shows below 1/8 of a tank, reason for equipment failure <p>Regen indicators</p> <p>Regen indicators showing a regen process needed (any warning light will cause an equipment failure).</p>
<p>Lights/Reflectors/Reflector Tape Condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that all external lights and reflective equipment are clean, functional, and the proper color for their location. 	<p>Lights/Reflectors/Reflector Tape Condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that all (must locate, at the front, at the side and at the rear(s) external lights and reflectors are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ clean, ▪ not missing or broken ▪ proper color for their location.
<p>Heater/Defroster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Test that the heater and defroster work. 	<p>Heater/Defroster</p> <p>Demonstrates and describes how the driver heater and defroster work</p>

Parking Brake Check

With the parking brake engaged (trailer brakes released on combination vehicles), check that the parking brake will hold vehicle by gently trying to pull forward with parking brake on.

With the parking brake released and the trailer parking brake engaged (combination vehicles only), check that the trailer parking brake will hold vehicle by gently trying to pull forward with the trailer parking brake on.

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- Air pressure needs to be at an adequate level (enough to release the spring brakes).
- With the parking brake engaged (trailer brakes released on combination vehicles), check that the parking brake will hold vehicle by trying to pull forward with parking brake on.
- With the parking brake released and the trailer parking brake engaged (**combination vehicles only**), check that the trailer parking brake will hold vehicle by trying to pull forward with the trailer parking brake on.

<p>Hydraulic Brake Check</p> <p>Pump the brake pedal three times, then hold it down for five seconds. The brake pedal should not move (depress) during the five seconds.</p> <p>If equipped with a hydraulic brake reserve (back-up) system, with the key off, depress the brake pedal and listen for the sound of the reserve system electric motor.</p>	<p>Hydraulic Brake Check</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the engine running, pump the brake pedal three times, then hold it down for five seconds. The brake pedal should not move (depress) during the five seconds. <p>Note: Must tell the examiner “pedal did not move”.</p> <p>If equipped with a hydraulic brake reserve (back-up) system, with the key off, depress the brake pedal and listen for the sound of the reserve system electric motor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Examiner will ask you, after you completed the Hydraulic Brake check, “Have you completed the Hydraulic Brake check”. • Note: Failure to perform the hydraulic brake check correctly will result in an Automatic Disqualification of the Vehicle Inspection test. • Note: When you think you performed it incorrectly, you have the option to start over again. You will need to start from the beginning of the Hydraulic brake check. The examiner will re-read the instructions again.
<p>Air Brake Check (Air Brake Equipped Vehicles Only)</p> <p>Failure to perform all three components of the air brake check correctly will result in an Automatic Disqualification of the Vehicle Inspection test. Air brake safety devices vary. However, this procedure is designed to see that any safety device operates correctly as air pressure drops from normal to a low air condition. For safety purposes, in areas where an incline is present, you will use wheel chocks during the air brake check. The proper procedures for inspecting the air brake</p>	<p>Air Supply System Check (Air Brake Equipped Vehicles Only)</p> <p>Failure to perform all three components of the air supply system check correctly in a single attempt will result in an Automatic Disqualification of the Vehicle Inspection test. Air brake safety devices vary. However, this procedure is designed to see that any safety device operates correctly as air pressure drops from normal to a low air condition. For safety purposes, in areas where an incline is present, you will use wheel chocks during the air brake check. The proper procedures for inspecting the air brake system are as follows:</p>

system are as follows: Note: If the vehicle is equipped with electronic gauges, the electrical power must be in the "on" or "battery charge" position during this test. You must demonstrate and verbalize the following:

- Note: This test must be started with air pressure less than 90 psi to visually see the needle move as air pressure builds.
- With the air pressure built up to governor cutoff (approximately 120–140 psi or manufacturer's specification), shut off the engine, chock your wheels if necessary, release the parking brake (all vehicles), and the tractor protection valve (combination vehicles) and fully apply the foot brake. Hold the foot brake for one minute after stabilization of the air gauge. Check the air gauge to see that the air pressure drops no more than three pounds in one minute (single vehicle) or no more than four pounds in one minute (combination vehicles).
- Note: You must tell the examiner what the air leakage rate is for the type of vehicle you are operating, or you will be automatically disqualified.
- Without re-starting the engine, turn electrical power to the "on" or "battery charge" position. Begin fanning off the air pressure by applying and releasing the foot brake. Low air warning devices (buzzer, light, or flag) should activate before air pressure drops below 60 psi. Note: You must tell the examiner that the Low Air Warning device must activate at 60 psi or above or you will be automatically disqualified 11-14
- Continue to fan off the air pressure. At approximately 40 psi on a tractor-trailer combination vehicle the tractor protection valve and parking brake valves should close (pop out). On other combination vehicle types and single vehicle types, the parking brake valve should close (pop out).

Note: If the vehicle is equipped with electronic gauges, the electrical power must be in the "on" or "battery charge" position for all three checks during this test.

You must demonstrate and verbalize the following
(in the order listed below):

Note: Prior to any brakes being released the air governor must cut out. This test should be started with air pressure less than 90 psi to visually see the needle move as air pressure builds to cutoff.

Note: Before you start this exercise, you must tell the examiner what the correct air leakage rate is for the type of vehicle(s) you are testing in, or you will be automatically disqualified at the conclusion of the Air Supply System check,

1) With the air pressure built up to governor cutoff (approximately 120 – 140 psi), shut off the engine, turn the key to the "on" or "battery charge" position, chock your wheels if necessary, release the parking brake (all vehicles), and the tractor protection valve (combination vehicles) **and fully apply the foot brake**. Hold the foot brake for one minute after stabilization of the air gauge. Check the air gauge to see that the air pressure drops no more than three pounds in one minute (single vehicle) or no more than four pounds in one minute (combination vehicles).

Note: For a Class A combination vehicle: if the power unit is equipped with air brakes and the trailer is equipped with electric/surge brakes, the pressure drop should be no more than three psi in one minute. The applicant must specify the correct leakage rate for the type of vehicle they are operating and apply full brake pedal pressure for one minute.

2) Key needs to remain to the "on" or "battery charge" position (cannot start the engine). Begin fanning off the air pressure by applying

• **Note:** You must tell the examiner that the tractor protection valve and parking brake (combination vehicle) or parking brake (single vehicle) must close (pop out) at approximately 40 psi and state the psi at which any valves pop out or you will be automatically disqualified. **Note:** Not performing and verbalizing the above steps in the correct sequence in a single attempt will result in an automatic disqualification.

and releasing the foot brake. Low air warning devices (buzzer, light, or flag) should activate before air pressure drops below 55 psi.

Note: You must tell the examiner that the Low Air Warning light and/or alarms must activate before it drops below 55 psi. Verbalizing this incorrectly will cause you to be automatically disqualified at the conclusion of the Air Supply System check.

3) Key needs to remain to the “on” or “battery charge” position (cannot start the engine). Continue to fan off the air pressure by applying and releasing the foot brake. At approximately 40 psi on a trailer combination vehicle the tractor protection valve and parking brake valves should close (pop out). On other combination vehicle types and single vehicle types, the parking brake valve should close (pop out).

Note: You must tell the examiner that the tractor protection valve and parking brake (combination vehicle) or parking brake (single vehicle) must close (pop out) at approximately 40 psi before you start this exercise,

Note: you must tell the examiner the exact psi(s) at which the valve(s) “popped” out or you will be automatically disqualified at the conclusion of the Air Supply System checks.

Note: Not performing and verbalizing the above steps in the correct sequence in a single attempt will result in an *automatic disqualification*. Examiner will ask you, after you completed the Air Supply Systems checks, “Have you completed the Air Supply System checks”.

Note: If you think you performed it incorrectly, you have the option to start over again. You will need to start from the beginning of the Air

	<p>Supply Systems checks and perform all three checks in the correct order and perform them correctly in a single attempt. The examiner will re-read the instructions again.</p>
<p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p>Straight Truck (Parking or Maxi-Brakes or DD3)</p> <p>Instead of Tractor Protection Valve and/or Parking brake valve check, you will fan down the air pressure and set the parking brake manually when the air pressure drops down below 20 psi. Then start the engine, place the vehicle in a low gear and pull against the brakes. If the brakes do not hold, that would then be an equipment failure.</p> <p>Note: when you think you performed it incorrectly, you have the option to start over again. You will need to start from the beginning of the Air Supply systems check and perform all three checks in the correct order and perform them correctly in a single attempt. The examiner will re-read the instructions again.</p>
<p>Safety Belt Check that the safety belt is securely mounted, adjusts, and latches properly and is not ripped or frayed.</p>	<p>Safety Belt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that the safety belt (and when applicable safety belt extender) is mounted securely. • properly adjusted. • latches properly (demo). • not ripped or frayed.
<p>Steering Box/Hoses</p> <p>Check that the steering box is securely mounted and not leaking. Look for any missing nuts, bolts, and cotter keys.</p> <p>Check for power steering fluid leaks or damage to power steering</p>	<p>Steering Box/Hoses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that the steering box is mounted securely. • Not leaking. • Look for any missing nuts or bolts. <p>o Steering Box Hoses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not leaking. <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged.

<p>Suspension <i>Springs/Air/Torque</i></p> <p>Air ride suspension should be checked for damage and leaks.</p>	<p>11.6.2 – Suspension <i>Springs/Air/Torque</i></p> <p>Air bags should be checked for damage and leaks.</p>
<p>Mounts</p> <p>Look for cracked or broken spring hangers, missing or damaged bushings, and broken, loose, or missing bolts, U-bolts or other axle mounting parts. (The mounts should be checked at each point where they are secured to the vehicle frame and axle[s]).</p>	<p>Spring and/or Air Mounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks air bag mounts (bolts) are secure and not damaged. • Checks that spring attachments (brackets, bolts, bushings) are mounted securely. • Checks for cracked or broken spring hangers. • Checks for missing or damaged bushings <p>U-bolts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checks for broken or missing. • Checks for securely mounted U-bolts.
<p>Brakes <i>Slack Adjustors and Pushrods</i></p> <p>Check slack adjustor and pushrod for bent, broken, lose or missing parts</p> <p>For slack adjustors, the brake pushrod should not move more than one inch (with the brakes released) when pulled by hand.</p>	<p>11.6.3 - Brakes <i>Slack Adjustors and Pushrods</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check slack adjustor and pushrod for bent, broken, lose or missing parts • Mounted securely. • For slack adjustors, the brake pushrod should not move more than one inch (with the brakes released) when pulled by hand
<p>Brake Hoses/Lines</p> <p>Look for cracked, worn, frayed, or leaking hoses, lines, and couplings. All connections need to be secure and not leaking</p> <p>Check that hoses or lines can supply air/hydraulic fluid.</p>	<p>Brake Hoses/Lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for cracked, worn, or frayed. • Leaking hoses and lines. • Hoses or lines can supply air/hydraulic fluid (indicate only which one applies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Hoses fittings and couplings ☑ Mounted securely. ☑ Not Leaking • If electric brakes: check that electric lines are secure and casing is not worn or cracked
<p>Lug Nuts</p> <p>Check that all lug nuts are not loose (no rust trails around nuts) and</p>	<p>Lug Nuts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that all lug nuts are present. • Not loose. • No rust trails around nuts.

<p>there are no cracks radiating from lug bolt holes or distortion of the bolt holes. .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that there are no cracks radiating from lug bolt holes or distortion of the bolt holes.
<p>Side of Vehicle Door(s)/Mirror(s)</p> <p>Check that door(s) are not damaged and that they open and close properly.</p> <p>Hinges should be secure with seals intact.</p> <p>Check that mirror(s) and mirror brackets are not damaged and are mounted securely with no loose fittings.</p> <p>Check door window for damage and excessive dirt</p>	<p>11.6.5 - Side of Vehicle Door(s)/Mirror(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate and verbalize that door(s) are not damaged and that they open and close properly. • Hinges should be secure with seals intact. • Check door windows for damage and excessive dirt. <p>Mirrors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that all (internal and external) mirror(s) and mirror brackets are: • Not damaged. • Mounted securely. • No loose fittings. • Adjusted properly. • Free of excessive dirt.
<p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p>DEF Tank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that level of diesel exhaust fluid is 1/8th tank or more. Can be checked during the in-cab (gauge) inspection. • Tank is secure. • Cap is tight. • No leaks from tank and cap.
<p>Drive Shaft</p> <p>See that drive shaft is not bent or cracked.</p> <p>U-joints should be secure and free of foreign objects.</p>	<p>Drive Shaft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that drive shaft is not bent, twisted or cracked. • Check that U-joints are secure and free of foreign objects.
<p>Doors/Ties/Lifts</p> <p>Check that doors and hinges are not damaged and that they open, close, and latch properly.</p>	<p>Doors/Ties/Lifts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that doors and hinges are not damaged. Demonstrate and explain that the door opens, closes, and latches properly.
<p>Air/Electric Lines</p> <p>Listen for air leaks. Check that air hoses and electrical lines are not cut, chafed, spliced, taped, or worn (steel braid should not show through). Check that all</p>	<p>Air/Electric Lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check all connections and fittings from tractor/truck and trailer are not leaking and not damaged.

<p>fittings are firmly seated, locked in place, and free of damage.</p> <p>Make sure air hoses and electrical lines are not tangled, crimped, pinched, or dragging against tractor parts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that air hoses, electrical lines and electrical line insulation are not cut, chafed, spliced, taped, or worn (steel braid/electrical conductor should not show through). <p>Section 11 – Skills Test Overview Page 11-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that glad hands and electrical plugs are firmly seated, locked in place, and free of damage. • Make sure air hoses and electrical lines are not tangled, crimped, pinched, or dragging against tractor parts. • Make sure that the air-lines are not leaking.
<p>Catwalk/Steps NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p>Catwalk/Steps Check that storage area (if equipped) is solid, mounted securely and cargo in storage area is secure.</p>
<p>Mounting Bolts Look for loose or missing mounting brackets, clamps, bolts, or nuts. Both the fifth wheel and the slide mounting must be solidly attached.</p> <p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p>Mounting Bolts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for loose or missing mounting brackets, clamps, bolts, or nuts. Both the fifth wheel and the slide mounting must be mounted securely. <p>Checks for loose or missing mounting bolts and for broken welds for pintle hook or other type of hitch mount, and tongue/draw-bar assembly, to ensure that they are solidly attached in place.</p>
<p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p>5th Wheel Skid Plate</p> <p>If equipped with polymer plate, polymer plate is mounted securely with no loose or missing bolts</p>
	<p>Release Arm (Fifth Wheel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that the release arm is secure and all the way in. • If equipped, make sure the release arm is in the engaged position and the safety latch (if equipped) is in place.
<p>Trailer Front Air/Electrical Connections Check that trailer air connectors are sealed and in good condition.</p>	<p>11.7.1 - Trailer Front Air/Electrical Connections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check all fittings and connections from tractor/truck and trailer for leaks. • Check that trailer air connectors are sealed and not damaged.

<p>Make sure glad hands are locked in place, free of damage or air leaks.</p> <p>Make sure the trailer electrical plug is firmly seated and locked in place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure glad hands are locked in place, free of damage and air leaks. • Make sure the trailer electrical plug is firmly seated and locked in place
<p>Side of Trailer</p> <p>If equipped, check that doors and hinges are not damaged. Check that doors open, close, and latch properly from the outside.</p>	<p>Side of Trailer</p> <p>Demonstrate and explain that doors open, close, and latches properly from the outside.</p>
<p>Frame</p> <p>Look for cracks, broken welds, holes or other damage to the frame, cross members, box, and floor.</p>	<p>Frame</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look for cracks, broken welds, holes or other damage to the (longitudinal) frame rails. • Check for loose, cracked, bent, broken and missing cross members. • Check for cracks or holes in box or trailer floor.
<p>11.7 – Passenger Vehicles</p>	<p>11.8 – Passenger Vehicles (School Bus and Coach/Transit)</p>
<p>Passenger Entry/Lift</p> <p>Check that the entry door is not damaged, operates smoothly, and closes securely</p>	<p>Passenger Entry/Lift</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate and explain that entry doors:
<p>Baggage Compartments</p> <p>Check that baggage and all other exterior compartment doors are not damaged, operate properly, and latch securely.</p>	<p>Baggage Compartments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that baggage and all other exterior compartment doors are: Not damaged. • Operate properly. • Latch securely. o Demonstration of at least one (1) compartment door for operating smoothly and closing securely.
<p>Emergency Exit</p> <p>Make sure that all emergency exits are not damaged, operate smoothly, and close securely from the inside and outside. Demonstrate one emergency exit and explain how various exits operate. (Primary door may be used if it is designated as an emergency exit).</p>	<p>Emergency Exit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Points out and describes that ALL emergency exits are not damaged, operate smoothly, and close securely from the inside and EXPLAIN how they operate. • Check that any emergency exit warning devices (buzzers) if equipped are working (school bus only).

<p>Check that emergency exit warning devices are working.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate at least one (1) emergency exit. Operates smoothly, closes securely from inside and if equipped, the outside (during the outside inspection) with the release handle and locations with explanations of all other emergency exits. Release handles can be operated properly both from inside and outside (if equipped) of the vehicle. <p>Note: Cannot use passenger front door for demonstration</p>
<p>Stop Paddle/Safety arm</p> <p>Check the stop arm/paddle to see that it is mounted securely to the frame of the vehicle. Also, check for loose fittings and damage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ••Check that the stop arm/paddle extends fully when operated and lights are operational. ••Check that the safety arm is securely mounted and functions properly. 	<p>Stop Paddle/Safety arm</p> <p>Check the Stop Arm/Paddle to see that it is mounted securely to the vehicle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Stop Paddle and Safety Arm for damage. • Check that the Stop Arm/Paddle extends fully when operated and lights are operational (front and back). • Check that the Safety Arm functions properly in conjunction with Stop Paddle and fully extends (Checked during light operations checks).
<p>Grounds for Automatic Disqualification</p> <p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p> <p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p>11.12 - Grounds for Automatic Disqualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Using memory aides, Bluetooth devices, directions, bribing, signals and/or clues from others. <p>Repeated instances of exiting the vehicle in an unsafe manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Exiting a truck needs to be done facing towards the cabin and three points of contact. o Exiting a passenger vehicle either forward or backwards and three points of contact.
<p>NOT IN 2017 Version</p>	<p><i>Under no circumstances is a jurisdiction permitted to release copies of any Skills Test Score Sheet,</i></p>

	Scoring Criteria, exercise dimensions, etc. to an applicant/driver or training provider; or post to any website/public domain.

Chapter 12 - Backing

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NOT in 2017 version	<p>12.1 – Overview of the CDL Skills Test</p> <p>You can take your CDL skills test after passing the required knowledge tests, obtained a CLP and course completions have been submitted for the commercial class and vehicle type you wish to be licensed for. CDL skills testing is conducted in English only. Use of interpreters or bilingual examiners is not allowed. The CDL skills test is conducted in three parts which include a Vehicle Inspection, a Basic Control Test, and a Road Test, performed in that order. If you disqualify on any one of these tests, the test will be stopped at that part and you will need to. Once you have passed any part of the skills tests, you will not be required to retake that test over, as long as you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not change examiners (if using a contracted third party examiner). • Do not change vehicles, or your vehicle equipment does not vary significantly from earlier test attempts. • Complete all three parts of the skills test before your Commercial Learners Permit (CLP) is renewed, upgraded or expires. When a permit gets renewed or upgraded, but the skills test has not been completed prior to the upgrade, previously passed segments are voided, and all three segments need to be retaken. Both state examiners and contracted third party examiners are used to meet skills test demands. In most cases, you do not get to choose what type of examiner you can use. When scheduling your test, we require driver and general vehicle information, including where the test will be conducted. All skills tests (Initial and retest) must be scheduled three days before the test is conducted. <p>The required notice for each scheduled skills test and minimum waiting periods for non-passing test</p>
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- A vehicle that is properly licensed, in safe operating condition with no defective equipment—the vehicle must also be equipped with emergency and safety equipment.
 - A vehicle, including trailer if applicable, that is properly labeled with the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) or approved documents providing the GVWR or GCWR.
 - Valid proof of insurance for the vehicle that will be used for testing either a paper copy or electronic copy must be in the vehicle. If applicable, documentation/information that your vehicle has been purged when vehicle is equipped with a tank. Purge document cannot be older than 24 hours prior to testing.
- Do not take the following to your test:
- A loaded vehicle. With enclosed trailers or box-trucks, examiner is required to verify the inside of the cargo area. When that is not possible, the test **will** be cancelled.
 - Hazardous materials.
 - A vehicle where the speed is governed and cannot achieve posted speed limits.

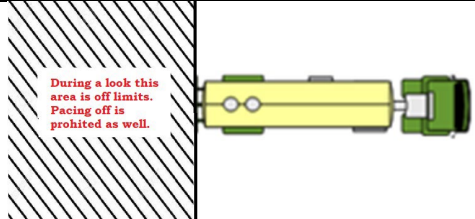
During the test:

- **No smoking** is allowed within the skills test area, in or outside of your vehicle. Your appointment may be cancelled for disregarding this requirement.
- **No weapons** are allowed in the vehicle or on the CDL skills test site.
- **No passengers or animals** are allowed in the vehicle. Federal and State agencies personnel are allowed.
- **No memory aids** of any kind are allowed.
- **No audio or video recording devices are allowed.** This does not apply to transit/school buses that are equipped with an onboard camera to monitor students.

12.2.3 - Customer Ground Rules

- English proficiency— be able to follow instructions. CDL skills testing is conducted in English only. Use of interpreters or bilingual examiners is not allowed.
- No markings, labels or cues on vehicle components or inside the vehicle.
- No use of wired/wireless headset or other Bluetooth devices, cell phone, or other transmission devices.
- Cell phone can be used as a timer for the air leak test only.
- No use of tape/digital recorders, cameras, video recorders.

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<p>NOT in 2017 version</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No interference from trainers, co-workers, or others. They must stay in designated waiting area(s) and not give signals of any kind. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: Perceived signals given could result in cancellation of the test. • No testing will be conducted when you are under the influence of any controlled or recreational drugs/alcohol. • Practicing at any CDL skills test site is prohibited. <p>NOTE: CDL skills test site is defined as a location (certified by DOL) where all or any of the segments of a skills test is conducted.</p> <p>Note: Failure to follow customer ground rules or interference from others may result in the test being stopped, including loss of test fees.</p> <p>Note: Due to limited space and security, DOL CDL test sites do not allow drivers or guest to wait inside mobile work units or offices. Most sites have limited space for guest or waiting drivers.</p>
<p>NOT in 2017 version</p>	<p>12.3 – Scoring</p> <p>If you score 13 or more points, you will have to reschedule. The waiting period is a minimum of three days. If you score 12 points or less you can continue to the next test.</p>
<p>Outside Vehicle Observations (Looks) – When a driver opens the door, moves from a seated position when in physical control of the vehicle, or on a bus walks to the back of the bus, to get a better view, it is scored as a look.</p> <p>The maximum number of times that you may look to check the position of you vehicle is two (2) except for the Straight Line Backing exercise, which allows one (1) look. Each time you open the door, move from a seated position when in physical control of the vehicle or on a bus walk to the back of a bus to get a better view, it is scored as a “look”.</p>	<p>Outside Vehicle Observations (Looks) – When a driver moves from a seated position it is scored as a look.</p> <p>The maximum number of times that you may look to check the position of you vehicle is two (2) except for the Straight Line Backing exercise, which allows one (1) look. Each time you move from a seated position, it is scored as a “look”.</p>
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<p>Final Position– It is important that you finish each exercise exactly as the examiner has instructed you. If you do not maneuver the vehicle into its final position as described by the examiner, you will be penalized and could disqualify on the basic skills test.</p>	<p>Final Position– It is important that you finish each exercise exactly as directed. If you do not maneuver the vehicle into its final position as directed, you will be disqualified on the basic skills test</p>

12-3 – Grounds for Automatic Disqualification

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12.4 – Grounds for Automatic Disqualification

Exiting the vehicle in an unsafe manner:

Repeated instances of exiting the vehicle in an unsafe manner.

- Exiting a truck needs to be done facing towards the cabin and three points of contact.
- Exiting a passenger vehicle forward/backwards and three points of contact.

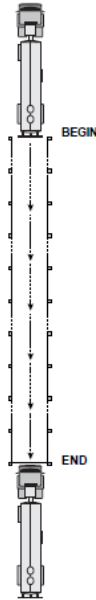


Figure 12.1 Straight Line Backing

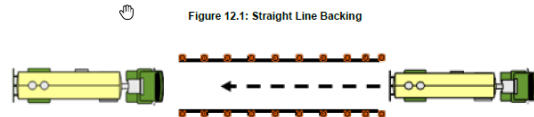


Figure 12.1: Straight Line Backing

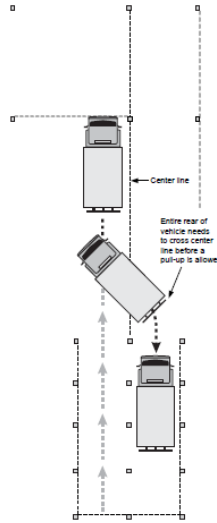


Figure 12.2 Offset Back/Right

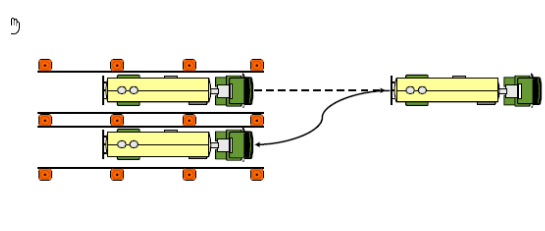
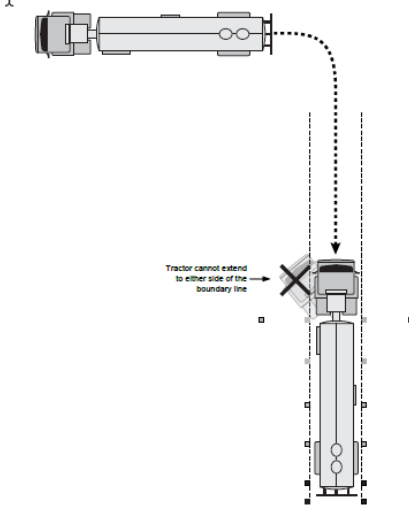
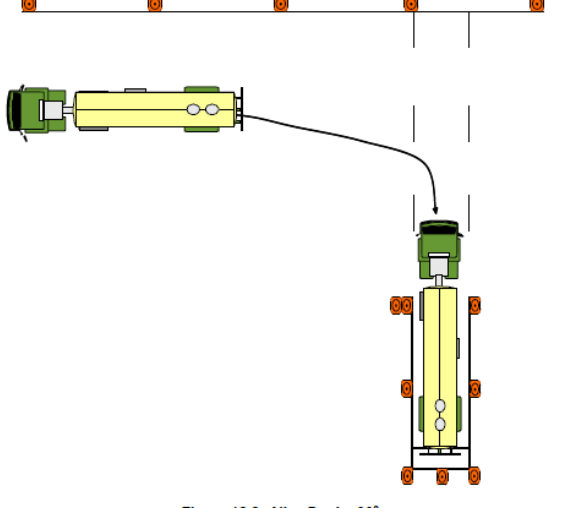


Figure 12.2: Offset Back/Right

 <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 12.3 Alley Dock</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">90° Alley Dock</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Figure 12.3: Alley Dock - 90°</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NOT in 2017 version</p>	<p>During the test when you notify the examiner about final position, the examiner will approach you and give you further instructions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NOT in 2017 version</p>	<p><i>Under no circumstances is a jurisdiction permitted to release copies of any Skills Test Score Sheet, Scoring Criteria, exercise dimensions, etc. to an applicant/driver or training provider; or post to any website/public domain.</i></p>

Chapter 13 – Road Test

CDL GUIDE 2017	CDL GUIDE 2020
<p>NOT in 2017 version</p>	<p>12.1 – Overview of the CDL Skills Test</p> <p>You can take your CDL skills test after passing the required knowledge tests, obtained a CLP and course completions have been submitted for the commercial class and vehicle type you wish to be licensed for. CDL skills testing is conducted in English only. Use of interpreters or bilingual examiners is not allowed. The CDL skills test is conducted in three parts which include a Vehicle Inspection, a Basic Control Test, and a Road Test, performed in that order. If you disqualify on any one of these tests, the test will be stopped at that part and you will need to. Once you have passed any part of the skills tests, you will not be required to retake that test over, as long as you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not change examiners (if using a contracted third party examiner).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not change vehicles, or your vehicle equipment does not vary significantly from earlier test attempts. • Complete all three parts of the skills test before your Commercial Learners Permit (CLP) is renewed, upgraded or expires. When a permit gets renewed or upgraded, but the skills test has not been completed prior to the upgrade, previously passed segments are voided, and all three segments need to be retaken. Both state examiners and contracted third party examiners are used to meet skills test demands. In most cases, you do not get to choose what type of examiner you can use. When scheduling your test, we require driver and general vehicle information, including where the test will be conducted. All skills tests (Initial and retest) must be scheduled three days before the test is conducted. <p>The required notice for each scheduled skills test and minimum waiting periods for non-passing test attempts are outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-day minimum notice is required before taking your first CDL skills test. • 3-day minimum notice/waiting period is required after disqualifying on a Vehicle Inspection. • 3-day minimum notice/waiting period is required after disqualifying on a Basic Control Test. • 7-day minimum notice/waiting period is required after disqualifying on a Road Test.
NOT in 2017 version	<p>12.2.1 – General Test Rules</p> <p>The Vehicle Inspection is conducted before the other parts of the skills test. During this test, you must show that the vehicle is safe to drive. You cannot take the other parts of the skills test until you have passed the Vehicle Inspection. A Safety Inspection conducted by the examiner will be prior to any partial skills tests (i.e. basic controls and road test or road test only). A representative vehicle must be used to complete all three parts of the skills test. For example, you cannot complete any part(s) of the test(s) in separate vehicles, equipped differently, to simplify test standards, or to provide an unfair advantage. If a driver begins the Vehicle Inspection with a tractor equipped with a sleeper cab, manual transmission, and coupled to a 53-foot trailer, they must continue any remaining test(s) in the same vehicle, or a similar vehicle configuration (Day cab cannot be used when first test was a sleeper cab). If a different vehicle configuration is used, where the vehicle or vehicle equipment varies from an earlier passed test(s), prior passed test results will be voided, and the driver will be required to start the skills test over in the current vehicle being used or return with the previous vehicle configuration.</p>

	<p>If testing for a school bus endorsement, the bus must be equipped with required functioning safety devices and meet all school bus specifications</p> <p>Section 12 – Basic Control Skills Test Page 12-2</p> <p>established by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).</p>
	<p>12.2.2 - Skills Test Ground Rules</p> <p>Below are important ground rules for taking your CDL Skills Test. Failure to follow these ground rules could result in your test being postponed and having to reschedule.</p> <p>Take the following to your test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A valid Washington State driver’s license with a Commercial Learner’s Permit issued 14 days or more prior to the skills test. • A valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate either a paper or electronic copy. • A vehicle that is properly licensed, in safe operating condition with no defective equipment—the vehicle must also be equipped with emergency and safety equipment. • A vehicle, including trailer if applicable, that is properly labeled with the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) or Gross Combination Weight Rating (GCWR) or approved documents providing the GVWR or GCWR. • Valid proof of insurance for the vehicle that will be used for testing either a paper copy or electronic copy must be in the vehicle. If applicable, documentation/information that your vehicle has been purged when vehicle is equipped with a tank. Purge document cannot be older than 24 hours prior to testing. <p>Do not take the following to your test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A loaded vehicle. With enclosed trailers or box-trucks, examiner is required to verify the inside of the cargo area. When that is not possible, the test will be cancelled. • Hazardous materials. • A vehicle where the speed is governed and cannot achieve posted speed limits. <p>During the test:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No smoking is allowed within the skills test area, in or outside of your vehicle. Your appointment may be cancelled for disregarding this requirement. • No weapons are allowed in the vehicle or on the CDL skills test site. • No passengers or animals are allowed in the vehicle. Federal and State agencies personnel are allowed. • No memory aids of any kind are allowed. • No audio or video recording devices are allowed. <p>This does not apply to transit/school buses that are</p>

	<p>equipped with an onboard camera to monitor students.</p> <p>12.2.3 - Customer Ground Rules</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English proficiency— be able to follow instructions. CDL skills testing is conducted in English only. Use of interpreters or bilingual examiners is not allowed. • No markings, labels or cues on vehicle components or inside the vehicle. • No use of wired/wireless headset or other Bluetooth devices, cell phone, or other transmission devices. • Cell phone can be used as a timer for the air leak test only. • No use of tape/digital recorders, cameras, video recorders. • No interference from trainers, co-workers, or others. They must stay in designated waiting area(s) and not give signals of any kind. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note: Perceived signals given could result in cancellation of the test. • No testing will be conducted when you are under the influence of any controlled or recreational drugs/alcohol. • Practicing at any CDL skills test site is prohibited. <p>NOTE: CDL skills test site is defined as a location (certified by DOL) where all or any of the segments of a skills test is conducted.</p> <p>Note: Failure to follow customer ground rules or interference from others may result in the test being stopped, including loss of test fees.</p> <p>Note: Due to limited space and security, DOL CDL test sites do not allow drivers or guest to wait inside mobile work units or offices. Most sites have limited space for guest or waiting drivers.</p>
<p>NOT in 2017 Version</p>	<p>13.3 – How You Will Be Tested</p> <p>Scoring</p> <p>If you score 31 or more points, you will have to reschedule. The waiting period is a minimum of three days. If you score 30 points or less you have passed the Road Test, unless there is an automatic disqualification.</p>
<p>Clutch Usage (for Manual Transmission) Always use clutch to shift.</p> <p>You must double-clutch when shifting. Do not rev or lug the engine.</p> <p>Do not ride clutch to control speed, coast with the clutch depressed, or “pop” the clutch.</p>	<p>13.3.11 (a) - Clutch Usage (for Manual Transmission)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always use the clutch to shift. <p>You must properly demonstrate correct clutch usage depending on the type of transmission that is equipped on the vehicle when shifting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not rev or lug the engine. • Do not float gears • Do not ride clutch to control speed, coast with the clutch depressed, or “pop” the clutch.

<p>Grounds for Automatic Disqualification</p> <p>Operating the vehicle 15 mph or more under the posted speed limit due to lack of driving skills.</p> <p>Failing to stop for a stop sign or signal</p> <p>NOT in 2017 Version</p>	<p>13.3.15 - Grounds for Automatic Disqualification</p> <p>Impeding traffic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating the vehicle more than 10 mph under the posted speed limit due to lack of driving skills. <p>Failing to come to a complete stop at any stop sign or traffic light.</p> <p>Exiting the vehicle in an unsafe manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeated instances of exiting the vehicle in an unsafe manner. Exiting a truck needs to be done facing towards the cabin and three points of contact. • Exiting a passenger vehicle can be done either forward or backwards and three points of contact.
<p>NOT in 2017 Version</p>	<p><i>Under no circumstances is a jurisdiction permitted to release copies of any Skills Test Score Sheet, Scoring Criteria, exercise dimensions, etc. to an applicant/driver or training provider; or post to any website/public domain.</i></p>