CDL TESTING AND REGULATIONS

CDL MOBILE COMPLIANCE UNIT

PERSONNEL:
- HAVE ATTENDED CERTIFICATION COURSES AT AAMVA’S SCHOOL
- ARE THE ONLY PERSONNEL IN NEW JERSEY CERTIFIED, BY AMVA, TO TRAIN AND CERTIFY CDL EXAMINERS
- ARE RESPONSIBLE TO TRAIN AND CERTIFY ALL STATE EXAMINERS TO THE FMCSA REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS AND UPDATE THEM AS THESE REGULATIONS AND LAWS CHANGE
- DESIGNED, BUILT, AND INSURED ALL TESTING COURSES TO BE COMPLIANT WITH FMCSA REGULATIONS
  - THIS INCLUDES BASIC CONTROL SKILLS COURSES AND ROAD COURSES
- INSURES CDL TESTING STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED THROUGH OVERT AND COVERT MONITORING
WHO ARE FMCSA AND AAMVA?

FMCSA-FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIERS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
- FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR LAWS REGARDING CDL AND TRAFFIC SAFETY
- THEY WRITE THE LAWS IN TITLE 49
- ALL STATES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAWS
- WEBSITE: WWW.FMCSA.DOT.GOV

AAMVA-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATORS
- ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBLE FOR CDL TESTING STANDARDS WITHIN FMCSA'S LAWS AND REGULATIONS
- MAINTAINS THE FEDERAL STANDARD FOR CDL TESTING AND LICENSING
- CERTIFIES STATES AND INDIVIDUALS COMPLIANCE WITH FMCSA LAWS AND REGULATIONS
- WEBSITE: WWW.AAMVA.ORG

WHAT DOES JURISDICTION MEAN?
- JURISDICTION MEANS STATE
- JURISDICTIONS OR STATES MUST COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS
- STATES CAN ENHANCE FEDERAL LAWS BUT CANNOT REDUCE OR CHANGE FEDERAL LAWS
- CERTAIN LAWS AND REGULATIONS PROVIDE STATES WITH OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FOR THEMSELVES

WHAT HAPPENED TO CDL TESTING?

FMCSA REQUIRED ALL 50 STATES TO ADMINISTER, SCORE, AND LICENSE ALL CDL TESTING TO THE SAME STANDARD

AAMVA WAS TASKED WITH DEVELOPING THIS AND IN 2005 ENACTED THE CURRENT TESTING MODEL

THE 50 STATES WERE PROVIDED WITH A 10 YEAR DEADLINE TO BECOME COMPLIANT WITH THESE STANDARDS, THAT DATE WAS JULY 8, 2015.

FMCSA PASSED LAWS TO INSURE STATES WOULD BE COMPLIANT:
- TITLE 49 CFR (CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS)
- SUBSECTION 384: STATE COMPLIANCE WITH COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE PROGRAM
  - 384.401 Withholding of funds based on noncompliance. This states the first year of noncompliance a 5% reduction of federal funding and each year following a 10% reduction, potentially millions of federal dollars.
  - 384.405 Decertification of State CDL program section b paragraph 4 (4) The State does not properly administer knowledge and/or skills tests to CLP or CDL applicants or drivers. This states our state cannot issue or transfer cdll licenses, nor will they be accepted by other states, if we are not compliant with FMCSA and AAMVA laws and regulations
WHAT DID NEW JERSEY DO?

ON JULY 8TH 2015 NJ REACHED COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL CDL TESTING STANDARDS

• AS A JURISDICTION NEW JERSEY FOLLOWED THE MINIMUM FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS TO BECOME COMPLIANT:
  • FOR EXAMPLE:
    • A JURISDICTION CAN REQUIRE A TIME LIMIT FOR EACH PORTION OF THE CDL SKILL TEST. IF AN APPLICANT DOES NOT COMPLETE ANY PORTION OF THE SKILLS TEST IN THE ALLOTTED TIME THE APPLICANT FAILS THE TEST.
    • CURRENTLY NJ HAS DECIDED NOT TO TIME THE SKILLS TEST. (NJ TESTS ARE AVERAGING BETWEEN ONE AND ONE-HALF TO TWO HOURS).
  • FEDERAL REGULATIONS ARE BEING ENFORCED FOR OUR STATE TO BE COMPLIANT.
    • FOR EXAMPLE:
      • GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RESTRICTION (GVWR) PLATE ON VEHICLE AND TRAILER. (49CFR 567.4 (D) (G.4) REQUIRES ALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND TRAILERS TO HAVE A PLATE)
      • DOT MEDICAL CARD IS REQUIRED FOR TESTING UNLESS EXEMPT FOR INTRASTATE ONLY

WHAT CHANGED

WRITTEN TESTS:
• GENERAL KNOWLEDGE MUST BE PASSED BEFORE ANY OTHER TEST IS TAKEN
• COMBINATION MUST BE PASSED NEXT IF REQUIRED FOR A CLASS A
• AIRBRAKE MUST BE PASSED NEXT IF APPLICABLE
• ALL OTHER WRITTEN TESTS CAN THEN BE TAKEN
• ALL WRITTEN TESTS ARE VALID FOR 360 DAYS FROM DATE OF PASSING

VEHICLE INSPECTION:
• AIRBRAKE IS PART OF ENGINE START PROCEDURES, NOT A STAND ALONE TEST
• ENGINE COMPARTMENT MUST BE INSPECTED
• ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS ON THE VEHICLE MUST BE INSPECTED, I.E. DRIVE SHAFT

BASIC SKILLS:
• THE MEASURED RIGHT TURN AND THE CONTROLLED STOP IN A BOX WERE ELIMINATED
• OFFSET BACKING TO THE LEFT OR RIGHT WAS ADDED
• PARALLEL PARKING CONVENTIONAL OR SIGHT SIDE WAS ADDED
• THE ALLEY DOCK CHANGED TO A 90 DEGREE ALLEY DOCK (WAS 45 DEGREES)

ROAD TEST:
• ADDITIONAL SCORED LEFT AND RIGHT TURNS
• ALL APPLICANTS CROSS RAILROAD TRACKS (EITHER REAL OR SIMULATED)
• A ROADSIDE STOP/START WAS ADDED
• SCORED CURVES, EXTRA LANE CHANGES, AND STOPPED/THROUH INTERSECTIONS ADDED
• ALL THIS INCREASED THE LENGTH AND TIME OF THE ROAD TEST
APPLICANT TESTING ISSUES

• MOST APPLICANTS ARE NOT UTILIZING THE CDL MANUAL
  • THOSE WHO PASS READ, STUDY AND APPLY THE MANUAL ON THEIR OWN

• VEHICLE INSPECTION CAUSES MOST FAILURES
  • APPLICANTS ARE NOT PROVIDING DETAIL ON THE ITEMS BEING INSPECTED, THUS NO POINT
  • NOT RECEIVING ENOUGH POINTS RESULTS IN A FAILURE

• EXAMINERS NOT EXPLAINING WHY AN APPLICANT FAILED
  • WE ARE CERTIFIED EXAMINERS, NOT INSTRUCTORS
  • WE ARE STRICTLY BOUND BY AAMVA REGULATIONS TO NOT SHARE TESTING INFORMATION

• EVERYTHING IS IN THE CDL DRIVERS MANUAL
  • CDL MANUAL CAN BE FOUND ONLINE

CONCLUSION

REFER APPLICANTS TO THE CDL MANUAL
THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OUTLINE WHAT THE TEST CONSISTS OF:

11 (VEHICLE INSPECTIONS)  12 (BASIC CONTROL SKILLS)  13 (ROAD TEST)

PLEASE GO TO:
FMCSA’S WEBSITE AND READ THE REGULATIONS
WWW.FMCSA.DOT.GOV

AAMVA’S WEBSITE AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THEIR POLICIES
WWW.AAMVA.ORG

NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION WEB SITE:
http://www.nj.gov/mvc/
QUESTIONS?
Federal Requirements Impacting Commercial Learners Permit Process and Commercial Driver Licenses
Public Works Conference - Wednesday, March 15

Agenda

• CLP Process
• CLP Restrictions
• Notices
• Abstracts
• Self Certification
• Medical Certificate
• Update on CDL Skills Test
CLP Process

• Current paper copy CLP will no longer be in effect.
• Applicant purchases Examination Test receipt.
• Applicant goes to DTC and takes knowledge test.
• Applicant passes applicable knowledge test, returns to MVA to receive CLP.
• Applicant can then practice driving CMV.

CLP Process

• CLP valid for 180 days.
• May only be renewed once for additional 180 days.
• If upgrade occurs during permit period, new 180 day period starts.
CLP Process

• CLP applicant will be required to submit a self-certification form and a valid medical examiners certificate at time of CLP issuance.

• Enhanced CDL penalties for CLP holders will be charged.
Commercial Learners Permit (CLP)

Restrictions on CLP

- **L** - No vehicles with air brakes (current)
- **M** - No Class A Passenger Vehicles (current)
- **N** - No Class A & B Passenger Vehicles (current)

**New CLP restrictions**

- **K** - Intrastate only
- **V** - Medical variance
- **P** - No Passenger Restriction on CLP. Must have P endorsement on CLP.
- **S** - No School Passenger Restriction CLP. Must have S endorsement on CLP
- **X** - No Cargo in Tank Restriction. Must have N Tanker endorsement on CLP.
**Notices**

- Advisory Notice – Sent out to all CDL holders 45 days prior to medical examiner certificate expiration date.
- De-Certified – Sent out 10 days after med cert expires.
- Non-Legible – Sent out if incomplete or non-legible information is received.
- Clearance – Sent out when driver complies with med cert requirements and is in good standing.
- Down Grade – Sent out 40 days after de-certification or 50 days after med cert expires.

**Self Certification**

All CLP applicants and CDL holders must certify to the type of commerce in which they intend to operate in.

Four types
- Interstate non-excepted
- Interstate excepted
- Intrastate non-excepted
- Intrastate excepted
National Medical Registry

Medical Registry web site is:

http://nrcme.fmcsa.dot.gov

• As of September 14, 2017, there are 1,237 Medical Examiners certified in the State of New Jersey.

Questions?
Public Works Conference - Wednesday, March 15
TO: All Interested Parties  
FROM: Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman and Chief Administrator  
DATE: March 21, 2016  
SUBJECT: Changes to Motor Vehicle Inspection Program  
May 1, 2016

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission will be making changes to the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Inspection Program effective May 1, 2016. With the new changes, MVC will be exempting additional vehicles from inspection. Owners of the exempted vehicles will be issued a card similar to the example below:

![Sample Card](image-url)
Motorists will be informed to keep these cards in their vehicles at all times. Law enforcement officials should not issue summonses to these motorists for failure to inspect the vehicle if it is on the exempt list below and does not display an inspection sticker.

The following charts indicate the vehicles that are exempt, those that require an annual inspection, those that require a biennial inspection, and those vehicles subject to self-inspection:

**CHART 1- EXEMPT FROM INSPECTION**
(These vehicles with the exception of collector vehicles will not display inspection stickers)

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<td>Gasoline powered passenger vehicles Model Year 1995 or older with GWVR of 8,500 or less</td>
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<td>Gasoline powered passenger vehicles Model Year 2013 or older with GVWR of 14,001 lbs or greater</td>
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<td>Diesel powered passenger vehicles Model Year 1996 or older with GVWR of 8,500 lbs or less</td>
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<td>Electric vehicles and other vehicles not fueled by hydrocarbon based fuel</td>
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<td>Collector Vehicles- odometer and credential verification at a Specialty Inspection Site every five years (collector vehicle sticker)</td>
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<td>Farm Use</td>
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<td>Farm Tractor</td>
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<td>Historic Plated Vehicles (QQ)</td>
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<td>Motorcycles</td>
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<td>Vehicles with a general registration and plates with the “D” markings.</td>
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**CHART 2- ANNUAL INSPECTION**

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<th>ANNUAL INSPECTION – 1 YEAR STICKER</th>
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<td>All Passenger Vehicle Transportation Vehicles (OA, OH, OJ, OL, OM, OP, OT and O2)</td>
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<td>All gasoline or bi-fueled vehicles plated commercial</td>
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<td>All diesel powered vehicles plated commercial with a GVWR of 8,500 or less</td>
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CHART 3: PASSENGER VEHICLES/BIENNIAL INSPECTIONS

This chart includes all passenger vehicles that are plated passenger, not for profit (NF), governmental, commuter van (CV), farmer or farm truck. It gives a brief description of the different type of passenger vehicles and summarizes the required inspection cycle. Vehicles required to be inspected will have an inspection sticker displayed on the lower driver side corner.

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<th>INSPECTION CYCLE</th>
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<td>VEHICLE DESCRIPTION</td>
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<td>Gross Vehicle Weight Rating</td>
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<td>8,500 lbs or less</td>
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<td>Gasoline or bi-fueled</td>
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CHART 4: SELF INSPECTED VEHICLES/ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

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<td>Diesel powered passenger vehicles</td>
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<td>All Model Years with GVRW of 8,501 to 17,999</td>
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<td>Trailers</td>
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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Any vehicle that failed inspection before May 1, 2016 will still be required to be repaired and pass a re-inspection before it can be issued a certificate of approval (inspection sticker).