

# [New York State Commercial Driver's Manual](#)

**Effective May 15, 2014** the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles will no longer issue a 10-day temporary license document upon successful completion of a Commercial Driver License skills test, in order to comply with the Federal self-certification and medical certification requirements for commercial drivers.

Instead, commercial drivers will be issued a receipt indicating they must wait 1 business day before visiting a Motor Vehicles office in order to obtain a Commercial Driver's License document.

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The sections of this manual **are available in English or in Spanish**. The table below matches the sections to the knowledge and skills tests that you must pass to receive a Commercial Driver License (CDL) in the correct Class with the required endorsements. To get the section you want to study, click on the name of the section, in either English or Spanish, in the column on the left. (Many of these files are very large and can take a long time to download.)

Sections of the Commercial Driver's Manual

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<a href="#">Section 1 (PDF)</a> <b>Introduction</b> (15 pages)	All applicants should read this section first	All

<a href="#">Section 2 (PDF)</a> <b>Driving Safely</b> (57 pages)	General (Core) Knowledge test	Class <b>A</b> , <b>B</b> , and <b>C</b> licenses
<a href="#">Section 3 (PDF)</a> <b>Transporting Cargo Safely</b> (5 pages)	General (Core) Knowledge test	Class <b>A</b> , <b>B</b> , and <b>C</b> licenses
<a href="#">Section 4 (PDF)</a> <b>Transporting Passengers</b> (6 pages)	Test for endorsement to transport passengers, taken by <b>all bus driver applicants</b> .	Passenger ( <b>P</b> ) and School Bus ( <b>S</b> ) endorsements
<a href="#">Section 5 (PDF)</a> <b>Air Brakes</b> (15 pages)	Air Brakes test	You must pass this test if your vehicle has air brakes, including air over hydraulic brakes
<a href="#">Section 6 (PDF)</a> <b>Combination Vehicles</b> (15 pages)	Combination Vehicle test (for example, a tractor-trailer combination)	Class A license and Double/Triple ( <b>T</b> ) endorsement
<a href="#">Section 7 (PDF)</a> <b>Doubles and</b>	Double/Triple endorsement test	Double/Triple ( <b>T</b> ) endorsement — required to pull double or triple trailers

**Triples**  
(8 pages)

[Section 8 \(PDF\)](#)  
**Tank Vehicles**  
(4 pages)

Tank Vehicle  
endorsement test

Tank **(N)** endorsement — required to haul a liquid or liquid gas in a permanently mounted cargo tank rated at 119 gallons or more or a portable tank rated at 1,000 gallons or more

[Section 9 \(PDF\)](#)  
**Hazardous Materials**  
(27 pages)

Hazardous Materials  
(HazMat)  
endorsement test

HazMat **(H)**, combination Tank-HazMat **(X)** and Farm-HazMat **(Z)** endorsements — required to haul hazardous materials or waste in amounts that require placards or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR 73

[Section 10 \(PDF\)](#)  
**School Bus**  
(14 pages)

School Bus  
endorsement test

School Bus **(S)** endorsement — required in addition to the **(P)** endorsement to drive a school bus with a GVWR of more than 26,000 lbs or designed to seat 15 or more adult passengers (excluding the driver)

[Sections 11, 12 & 13 \(PDF\)](#)  
**Pre-trip Inspection Test; Basic Vehicle Control Test; On-Road Test**  
(20 pages)

Skills/Road Test

Class **A, B, and C** licenses. You must take the skills test in the **class** and **type** of vehicle for which you wish to be licensed.