

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

CDL Applications

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on CDL Applications s.343 a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV15>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsin.dot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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The [interactive driver licensing guide](#) is a helpful tool for those looking for information on commercial driving.

1. **Study the appropriate section(s) in the Commercial Driver's Manual before taking your test(s).** All applicants for a CDL must pass the General Knowledge test.

Topic / Test subject	Questions	CDL manual
Classes		
B/C - General Knowledge	50	Section 1-3

A - Combination Vehicles	20	Section 6
Restrictions		
Air Brakes	25	Section 5
Endorsements		
P - Transporting Passengers	20	Section 4, also Section 2
T - Doubles and Triples	20	Section 7, also Sections 2, 5 and 6
N - Tank Vehicles	20	Section 8, also Sections 2, 5, 6 and 9
H - Hazardous Materials	30	Section 9
S - School Bus	25	Section 10
F - Farm Services	10	Farm Service Manual

2. **Take and pass the appropriate knowledge test(s) for the vehicle you plan to drive.**
 - o All knowledge tests are free. No appointment is necessary. Be sure to allow enough time to complete your test prior to when the DMV customer service centers is scheduled to close. CDL knowledge tests take at least 1 to 1½ hours.
 - o Passing grade is 80% or more correct answers.
 - o You must present a valid Class D license at the time of testing.
 - o Applicants for a Hazardous Materials (H) endorsement must show [Proof of Citizenship or Legal Status in the U.S.](#) at the time of testing.
3. **Obtain your Commercial Driver Learner permit (CLP)**
 - o Complete a Wisconsin Driver License Application [MV3001](#).
 - o Complete a Commercial Driver Certification: Tier of Operation [MV3230](#).
 - o Present your valid [Federal Medical Card](#).
 - o Provide [Proof of Citizenship or Legal Status in the U.S.](#) at time of application.
 - o Pay the required [fee\(s\)](#). Additional fees are required for the H endorsement background check and [fingerprinting](#).
 - o Your CLP will be valid for 180 days. You may renew it.
 - o Use your CLP to practice driving with a qualified instructor or CDL driver holding a valid license at or above the level of your permit.
 - o You must hold the permit for 14 days prior to taking the road test(s).
4. **Schedule and pass the pre-trip, backing test and skills test(s)** with an approved [third party tester](#).
5. **Add the CDL classes and endorsements to your Class D license.**
 - o Complete an [MV3001](#).
 - o Present your current valid driver license.
 - o Present your valid Federal Medical Card.
 - o Provide [Proof of Citizenship or Legal Status in the U.S.](#) at time of application.

- Present the skills test results.
- Pay the required fee(s).

Note: You must pass a medical examination and hold a valid Federal Medical Card to drive in intrastate or interstate commerce in accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 49 CFR 391, Subpart E. You must show your Federal Medical Card to the DMV at the time of licensing to avoid restrictions on your license. See [CDL medical requirements](#).

You must complete form [MV3230](#), which tells the DMV where you operate commercially.

Driver Eligibility Unit

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