

# M State CDL FAQ

## ➤ **How much does the CDL course cost?**

Cost is dependent on the license and location of training.

### *Class A:*

Detroit Lakes/Wadena - \$5,000

Moorhead - \$5,500

### *Class B:*

Detroit Lakes/Wadena - \$4,000

Moorhead - \$4,500

*Hazmat Theory* - \$49

*School Bus Endorsement* - \$525

*Passenger Endorsement* - \$525

## ➤ **How do I study to get my Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)?**

Use the [Minnesota CDL Manual](#) as a study guide and take free practice tests online

## ➤ **What tests do I need to take to get my CLP?**

### *Class A:*

General Knowledge

Combination

Air Brake

### *Class B:*

General Knowledge

Air Brake

## ➤ **What documents do I need to get my CLP?**

-Self-certification Form at DVS Exam Station

-DOT Medical Examiner Certificate – also called a DOT Medical Card

-Citizenship Document which includes:

-Valid, unexpired US Passport or Passport card

-Certified copy of birth certificate from a US State. Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands

-Consular Report or Birth Abroad issued by the US Department of State

-Certificate of Naturalization issued by DHS

-Certificate of Citizenship issued by DHS

-Valid, unexpired Permanent Residence Card

## ➤ **Where can I take my CLP tests?**

Find an exam station near you - [DVS Exam Stations](#)

➤ **How do I get a DOT Medical Card?**

Schedule a DOT Physical with your local clinic or chiropractic office

➤ **I have my CLP, what are my next steps?**

Please email [CDL@minnesota.edu](mailto:CDL@minnesota.edu) a copy of your CLP and DOT Medical Card to get the paperwork needed to register for the course.

➤ **If I have a pacemaker, can I still get my CDL?**

Contact a DOT medical examiner and get an examination – use this link to find a local examiner ([FMSCA Local Medical Examiners](#))

➤ **Can I rent your truck to take my CDL Road Skills Test?**

No, we do not currently offer this as an option.

➤ **Do you provide the truck/trailer for training and testing?**

Yes, we provide a truck/trailer for Class A and Class B training. We do not provide a bus for school bus/passenger endorsement training.

➤ **Do I need a DOT Medical Card if I am a state or federal employee?**

No. However, you will need a DOT Medical Card if you plan to use your CDL outside of state or federal employment duties.

➤ **I have a current Class B, but want to upgrade to Class A. What do I need to do?**

You will need to complete the Class A Theory, as well as Class A Range and Road requirements.

➤ **I want to get my Hazmat Endorsement. What do I need to do?**

You will need to complete the Hazmat Theory. This is online and includes 12 Chapters. You must get 80% or higher on each chapter to pass. Once completed, you will need to take the test at a DVS Exam Station and get fingerprinted.

➤ **Do you accept Financial Aid?**

No, we do not accept financial aid. All of our CDL courses are non-credit courses.

➤ **What if I have previously had a class A license? Do I need to take the training required by the new regulations?**

No, you will need to get a valid Commercial Learner's Permit and take the road skills test.

➤ **What if I fail my road skills test?**

You will have to wait 14 days to retake the road skills test.