

CHAPTER 5: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can SCHOOL BUS drivers operate a 7D vehicle?

Yes.

Any person licensed to operate a "school bus" by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) may operate 7D vehicles.

Can a holder of a Commercial Driver's License with a Passenger Endorsement operate a 7D vehicle?

No.

Holding a Commercial Driver's License with a Passenger endorsement is not sufficient to allow you to drive a 7D vehicle. You must either hold a "school bus" certificate from the DPU or obtain a 7D certificate.

Do you need a 7D certificate if you are not driving pupils?

No.

A 7D certificate is not required if there are no pupils in the vehicle and that school bus sign is in the down position. However, an operator who is driving a 7D vehicle on the way to pick up pupils or has recently discharged pupils must have a valid 7D certificate.

If you have additional questions concerning 7D licensing, registration, operation, or inspection, contact the Vehicle Safety & Compliance Services of the Registry of Motor Vehicles at 617-351-9345. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30am – 5:00pm.

