



# Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Skills Test Important Reminders

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The following information is to prepare you for your CDL Skills Test. The CDL Skills Test Examiner will provide instructions in more detail prior to each portion of the test. Please initial each reminder and sign the form to acknowledge you have reviewed the information. Provide this form to the CDL Skills Test Examiner prior to your test along with your completed CDL Road Test Application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Electronic devices are not allowed on the CDL Skills Test course or in the test vehicle. This includes, but is not limited to, cell phones, Bluetooth devices, smart or electronic watches, headsets, ear pods/buds, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Failure to follow examiner instructions for completing the test as directed may result in an automatic failure, and the examiner may terminate the test. You should always follow the examiner's instructions and directions. If you do not understand the instructions, you should ask the examiner for clarification.

\_\_\_\_\_ Follow safe practices when entering or exiting vehicles. When entering/exiting the vehicle, you must safely exit/enter by facing the vehicle and maintaining three (3) points of contact at all times (when entering/ exiting a bus, safely enter/exit by facing forward and maintaining a firm grasp on the handrail). Close the door anytime you enter or exit the vehicle.

\_\_\_\_\_ The external inspection of the vehicle must be performed with the wheels chocked.

\_\_\_\_\_ You may use the checklist provided for the Vehicle Inspection. You may check off items as you have completed them, but NO additional markings or writing may be placed on this list.

\_\_\_\_\_ The CDL Skills Test is a timed event. You are allowed a combined sixty (60) minutes to perform the Vehicle Inspection and the Basic Control Skills Test, and thirty (30) minutes for the Road Test. You must pass the Vehicle Inspection in order to move onto the Basic Control Skills Test, and pass both the Vehicle Inspection and Basic Control Skills Test before taking the Road Test.

\_\_\_\_\_ Upon completion of each Basic Control Skills Test Exercise, you are required to set the parking brake, place the vehicle in neutral or park, and sound the horn indicating you have completed the exercise. However, if there are multiple tests being administered simultaneously, the examiner may instruct you to use a thumbs up signal to avoid confusion with other ongoing exams.

\_\_\_\_\_ The CDL Skills Test Examiner will use a closed fist hand-signal and whistle/air horn to signal an encroachment during a Basic Control Skills Test Exercise. If this occurs, you must immediately stop and return within the exercise boundary.

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Applicant Signature

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Date