



# CDL Road Test Information Sheet

Registry of Motor Vehicles

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Please read the following information before scheduling your road test.

**To schedule a road test, visit us online at [mass.gov/rmv](http://mass.gov/rmv) or call 857-368-8000.**

## A. Applicant Requirements

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements for a Class A, B, or C road test in order to be tested:

- Have a current driver's license, if you are seeking additional endorsements.
- Have a valid CDL permit, with proper endorsements for the vehicle used.
- Have a valid Department of Transportation (DOT) medical card or medical waiver\*
- Have a completed road test application. (If you answered **YES** to question 7, 8, or 10 on the road test application, the application must be approved by an RMV branch manager or an authorized RMV employee before the road test.)
- Be on time for the skills test. If you are late, you will not be examined. If you must cancel or reschedule your appointment with less than 72 hours notice, you will be responsible for the skills test fee.
- Be accompanied by a sponsor who:
  - Is at least 21 years old.
  - Has a valid U.S. Commercial Driver's License with proper endorsements for the class of vehicle that you are using.
  - Has a current DOT medical card. (If the sponsor does not have a current DOT medical card, he/she will be subject to a fine\*. The road test, however, will still proceed.)

## B. Vehicle Requirements

Vehicles used for a Class A, B, or C road test must meet the following requirements. Vehicles not meeting the following requirements will be refused/rejected.

- Represent the type and class of vehicle you will be driving when you receive your CDL. For a Passenger Endorsement, the applicant must have the appropriate class vehicle designed to carry 16 or more passengers, including the driver.
- Be able to pass a safety check. Vehicles with unstable, dangerous, or HAZMAT loads will be rejected. **The vehicle must be completely free of hazardous material.**
- Have a valid registration and current inspection sticker.
- Vehicle must be appropriately registered with accurate weight listed on the registration.
- Have adequate seating next to the operator for the use of the examiner.
- Have a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) on the vehicle, appropriate for the class of license for which you are applying. If there is no GVWR on the vehicle, you must have a document from the manufacturer or a motor vehicle dealer proving the GVWR.

\*A DOT medical card is not required for a state or municipal employee using a state or municipal vehicle.

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## C. Out-of-state Registered Vehicles, Trailers, and Semi Trailers

- Carry proof of insurance coverage in the form of a policy or letter from the insurance company specifying the limits of coverage. The insurance coverage **MUST** be equal to Massachusetts minimum requirements of \$20,000/\$40,000 bodily injury and \$5,000 property damage coverage for the vehicle's use in Massachusetts. (No faxes or photo copies.)

## D. Rental Vehicles

- Have the rental agreement and written permission on the rental company's letterhead authorizing use of the vehicle for the road test. The letter must include the applicant's name and driver's license number.

## E. CDL Skills Test

The **CDL Skills Test** has three parts:

1. The **Pre-Trip Inspection** is described in Part 3, Section 10 of the *CDL Manual*. It is important that you can demonstrate this inspection to the examiner by pointing out and naming the parts of the vehicle.  
**Note: If the vehicle has air brakes, you are also required to demonstrate the air brake test described in Part 3, Section 10 of the *CDL Manual*. If you are testing a combination vehicle, you must be familiar with Part 2, Section 6 of the *CDL Manual*.**
2. The **Off-Street Skills Test** involves the following maneuvers described in Part 3, Section 11 of the *CDL Manual*.
  - Forward and back through an offset alley
  - Parallel parking (conventional)
  - Parallel parking (sight-side)
  - Alley dock
3. The **On the Road** portion of the test, described in Part 3, Section 12 of the *CDL Manual*, begins immediately following the successful completion of the pre-trip inspection and all parts of the off-street skills testing maneuvers. This portion involves driving through various traffic and road conditions to evaluate your judgment, control, and safe operation on the street, as well as your ability to start, stop, shift, turn competently, and obey all relevant rules of the road.

All parts of the test must be successfully completed to pass the CDL Skills Test and obtain a CDL license.

**Note:** Removing the air brake restriction, adding a passenger endorsement, or changing a CDL license class requires a skills test, in addition to the appropriate knowledge tests.

## F. Cancelled Road Tests

Road tests may be canceled due to weather, road, or other emergency conditions, such as:

- Public school cancellations or delays in the city/town where your test is scheduled (at the discretion of the RMV).
- A state of emergency has been declared by the Governor throughout the state or in the region where your road test is scheduled.
- The Road Test Examiner cancels road tests due to scheduling or safety reasons.

If you think that your road test may be canceled, please call the RMV Phone Center at 857-368-8000.

You are responsible for the skills test fee for each failure, rejection, late arrival, or no show.

*The Registrar reserves the right to cancel and recall any license if it is later determined that the licensee did not meet the minimum legal requirements for the road test.*