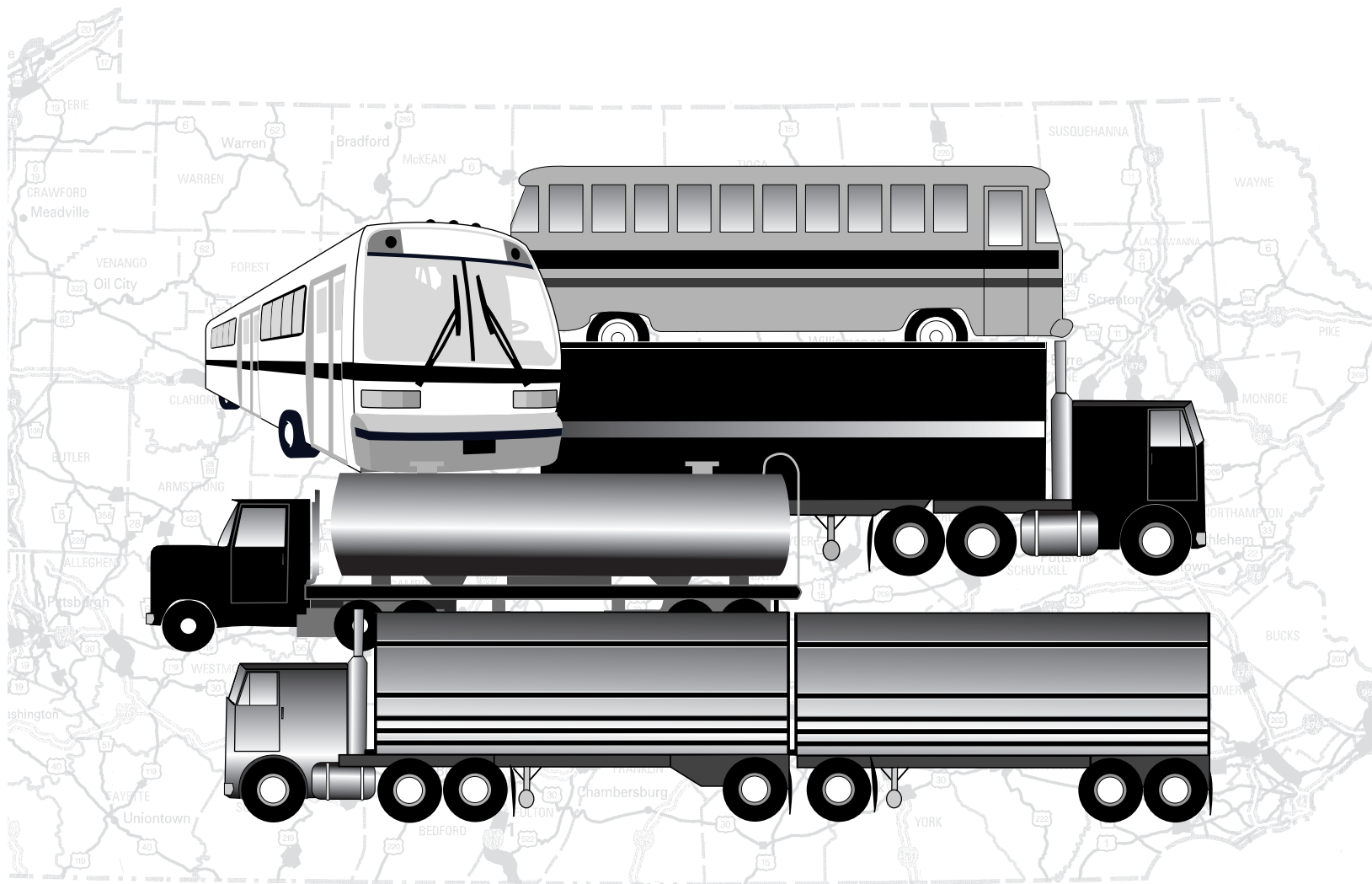


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# Commercial Driver's Manual



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# COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE PROGRAM

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1. The legal basis for (CDL) and CDL testing is found in 49 CFR 383 and in each U.S. jurisdiction's constitutional power to legislate for the safety and welfare of its citizens.
2. The CDL tests are used to assist in the making of a licensing decision.
3. The CDL test meets all testing requirements set forth in 49 CFR 383.
4. The CDL test system is not designed to measure successful completion of the training requirements of:
  - A. Truck or bus companies
  - B. Truck or bus associations
  - C. Commercial or private truck driver training schools
  - D. FHWA's Model Truck Driver Training Curriculum
  - E. Professional Truck Driver Institute of America's (*PTDIA*) truck driver training curriculum.
5. The knowledge and skill requirements for a professional truck or bus driver are much more extensive than set forth in 49 CFR 383.
6. CDL knowledge tests are designed to determine if the person meets the minimum knowledge requirements set forth in 49 CFR 383 for the safe operation of the commercial vehicle class and type the person expects to operate.
7. The CDL Manual is designed to contain all information required for CDL applicants to meet the minimum knowledge requirements set forth in 49 CFR 383 for the safe operation of different classes of commercial motor vehicles. In addition, the manual includes specialized knowledge required of drivers who wish to be qualified to drive buses, tank vehicles, vehicles transporting hazardous materials and/or a combination vehicle.
8. The CDL Manual provides all information needed by a CDL applicant to pass the CDL tests.
9. CDL skills tests are designed to determine if the person can demonstrate the minimum knowledge and skills set forth in 49 CFR 383 for the safe operation of the commercial vehicle class and type the person expects to operate.

**You can schedule your driving test online via the Driver and Vehicle Services website:  
[www.dmv.state.pa.us](http://www.dmv.state.pa.us)**

**Trailers 102" wide and combinations over 60' long are Not Permitted at skills test testing sites.**

Most testing sites cannot accommodate vehicles longer than 60 feet and wider than 96 inches. If you have a larger vehicle, please contact the Driver License Center directly to see if the testing site can accommodate your vehicle. All vehicles have to be empty for the CDL skills test.

Vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials displaying placards will not be tested. The vehicle must be empty. If it is a tank vehicle used in the transportation of hazardous materials the tank must be purged. A letter stating that the tank has been purged including vehicle information, date and time is required. Purging of the tank vehicle must be performed prior to testing and within 72 hours. If the determination is made that the vehicle meets the criteria listed above, all placards on the vehicle must be covered prior to the CDL skills test.

For information on CDL, please call: 1-800-932-4600

To schedule a CDL skills test please call: 1-800-423-5542

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