



Commercial Pre-Trip, Skills, and Road Test Requirements

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You must hold your Commercial License Permit (CLP) for a minimum of 14 days before testing.

The test must be completed in the following order:

- Step 1** - Pre-trip vehicle inspection
- Step 2** - Basic vehicle control skills
- Step 3** - On-road driving

You must successfully complete each step before moving on to the next.

The test will end if a step is failed, and you will be required to reschedule.

1. Study section 11, 12, and 13 of the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Manual
 - a. Those testing for a school bus endorsement must also study sections 4 & 10

NOTE: The pre-trip vehicle inspection includes the complete in-cab and Brake test. The in-cab Air Brake or Hydraulic Brake test must be done correctly; if failed, it will result in failure of the pre-trip vehicle inspection and testing will be ended.
2. Schedule an appointment
 - a. Online at: <https://cars.dojmt.gov/>
 - b. By phone at 406-444-3933
3. You must test in a vehicle representative of the license and type you are applying for.
 - a. Class A drivers testing in vehicles with non-fifth wheel connections (such as pintle hook) will receive a “no tractor trailer” restriction.
 - b. Those using automatic transmission vehicles will receive a “no manual transmission” restriction.
 - c. To be valid for air brakes, you must test in an air brake equipped vehicle.
4. When arriving for your test, you must present the following:
 - a. Valid vehicle registration
 - b. Valid vehicle registration for trailer (Class A only)
 - c. Valid vehicle insurance card
 - d. Your valid commercial license permit
 - e. Your valid class D license
5. If you cannot keep your appointment, you must cancel prior to the appointment. Failure to do so will result in a \$20.60 cancellation fee.

Your permit is valid for 1 year. All testing must be complete prior to the expiration date of the CLP.

Please arrive 15 minutes early and have your documents ready for verification.

Applicants arriving late or without all the required documentation may be required to reschedule.

NOTE: Individuals who accompany a driver who is testing may have to wait outside in all weather conditions for up to 90 minutes. CDL testing locations vary and shelter may not be available.