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This curriculum is intended for motorcoach drivers, though many of the principles contained herein are applicable to all forms of commercial passenger transportation. There are specific additional regulations, safety issues and suggested practices applicable to other specific passenger transportation modes such as transit and school bus operations.

The course was developed to provide a broad range of information for drivers new to motorcoach operations although experienced drivers may find some of the content and information useful as well. The safety principles contained in the curriculum are applicable to any driver, regardless of their experience level.

More detailed information may be available on specific topics, such as security and fatigue management, through other published programs.

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The curriculum is separated into individual modules that are presented in a logical sequence for new drivers to the motorcoach industry. Each module contains one or more “Lessons” relative to the module topic. Information on the objectives and content of each module are documented at the beginning; each lesson contains objectives and introductory narrative.

There are accompanying PowerPoint slides relative to each module’s topic and lessons. These PowerPoint slides are the same images contained in the written in the Student Guide. Below each topic/PowerPoint slide image is suggested narrative to accompany the slide and topic.

Quizzes conclude each module to assess student/driver comprehension of the material presented. Likewise, there are several classroom-based exercises within modules.

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