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**Eligibility Requirements**

**for**

**Small Driver Training Programs**

Section XXX.XX. The requirements of this section apply to CMV entry-level driver training programs that train, or expect to train, three or fewer entry-level drivers per year. Such providers must, at a minimum, meet the requirements of this section and offer a curriculum that meets all FMCSA curriculum standards for CMV drivers set forth in § XXX.XX.

**COURSE ADMINISTRATION**

* All Trainees\*\* must meet minimum DOT, state/provincial, federal and/or local law and regulations related to drug screens, age, physical condition, licensing, and driving record. ( [49 CFR, Part 391](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/part/391) ) *[Accepted.]*

*Training provider ask: [Provide attestation (if self-certified)/demonstrate (if third party certified)] that training provider complies with above requirement.*

# INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL

* + **Trainers** must have a valid CDL and at least [one] year of experience driving with the appropriate (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to operate the CMVs for which training is to be provided. On-road trainers must maintain a driving record that meets applicable state/provincial requirements, school policy, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

*Training provider ask: [Provide attestation (if self-certified)/demonstrate (if third party certified)] that training provider complies with above requirement.*

# TRAINING VEHICLES

* Vehicles must be in safe mechanical condition and those that are used for on road training comply with applicable federal/state/provincial safety requirements. ( [49 CFR, Part 396](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/part/396) )
* Training vehicles must class (A, B, or C) and type (bus/truck) as those that the individual will be operating for their CDL skills test. *[Accepted.]*

*Training provider ask: [Provide attestation (if self-certified)/demonstrate (if third party certified)] that your vehicles comply with these requirements.*

# INSTRUCTION & CURRICULUM

**Curriculum Content**

* Instruction must cover the FMCSA Curriculum Standards for CMV Drivers.

*Training provider ask: [Provide attestation (if self-certified)/demonstrate (if third party certified)] that training provider complies with above requirement.*

 **Instructional Time** (***see “FMCSA Curriculum Standards for CMV Drivers”*** )

**Student/Instructor/Vehicle Supervision**

* During driving on public roads, there must be at least one instructor in any vehicle driven by a student who is not a CDL holder. *[Accepted.]*

*Training provider ask: [Provide attestation (if self-certified)/demonstrate (if third party certified)] that training provider complies with above requirement.*

### **Roadway Instruction Conditions** (Includes streets, roads, highways, etc.)

* Driving must be practiced under roadway and traffic conditions as outlined in the *FMCSA Curriculum Standards for CMV Drivers*. *[Accepted.]*

*Training provider ask: [Provide attestation (if self-certified)/demonstrate (if third party certified)] that roadway instruction conditions comply.*

### **Assessment**

* Knowledge assessment must assess proficiency of a sample of knowledge objectives for each unit of instruction per *FMCSA Curriculum Standards for CMV Drivers*.
* Range/skill practice attestment must assess student proficiency in (a) fundamental vehicle control skills and (b) routine driving procedures for the appropriate vehicle per *FMCSA Curriculum Standards for CMV Drivers*.
* Road assessment must use routes that permit a broad range of observations and must be conducted in traffic per *FMCSA Curriculum Standards for CMV Drivers*.
* Road assessment must be administered in a vehicle of the same class (A, B, or C) and type (bus/truck) that the individual will be operating for their CDL skills test. *[Accepted.]*

*Training provider ask: [Provide attestation (if self-certified)/demonstrate (if third party certified)] that training provider complies with above requirement.*

### **Course Completion**

* Student must successfully complete a course of instruction that meets the FMCSA Curriculum Standards for CMV Drivers including appropriate subject matter tests and road skill tests before course completion. *[Accepted.]*

\*\* Trainer refers to an individual