



To Obtain a CDL

1. Go to the Revenue Office (in Searcy) and pay \$50 for the application and test book. You will need to get a Class C license with Air Brake Restriction (no air brakes).
 2. Study the CDL Book Chapters 2 and 4. Use the study questions, but do not rely solely on those.
 3. When you are ready to test, take all your papers to the Carmichael Community Center and tell the tester that you need only a Class C license, with no air brakes. You do not need the school bus endorsement! You will take the General Knowledge Test (Chapter 2) first, then the Passenger (Chapter 4) test. You must have a minimum score of 80% to pass.
 4. Once the tests are passed, you will be provided with a driving permit to allow you to practice driving with a qualified driver.
 5. You will need to call the CDL testing center at (870) 523-4849 in Newport to set up an appointment for the road test. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays are going to be the best times for bus availability. Please coordinate with the Parking & Transportation Office before you call so we can ensure a bus is available for the desired times.
 6. The road test is fairly simple. First you will be required to back into a slot from a 45 degree angle without hitting the barrels, then drive through a straight channel of barrels and back out again without hitting any of them. Finally you will take the bus out for about a 10-mile loop on the interstate and through town.
 7. Upon completion of the course, you will be instructed to go back to the Revenue Office for your driver's license. The CDL license will cost \$43.50 and is good for four years.
 8. Take your new CDL license to the Parking & Transportation Office so it can be documented.
 9. If you have not completed the online Driver Training, you will be required to do so before you can drive University vehicles.
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List of Disqualifying Offenses

The following offenses may prevent you from obtaining a CDL:

1. Operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance.
2. Having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater while operating a commercial motor vehicle.
3. Refusing to take an alcohol test under implied consent as specified in 49CFR 383.72.
4. Leaving the scene of an accident.
5. A felony involving the use of any motor vehicle.
6. A felony involving the manufacturing, distribution or dispensing a controlled substance involving the use of any motor vehicle.
7. Driving a commercial motor vehicle while suspended, revoked, cancelled, or disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle as a result of prior violations committed operating a commercial motor vehicle.
8. Speeding 15 mph or more over the limit.
9. Reckless driving.
10. Following too close.
11. Improper or erratic lane change.
12. Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a commercial motor vehicle, including but not limited to the crimes of vehicular manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle, and negligent homicide.
13. Driving a commercial vehicle without obtaining a CDL.
14. Driving a commercial vehicle without a CDL in the driver's possession.
15. Driving a CDL without the proper class of CDL and/or endorsement.
16. Violating a driver or vehicle out of service order.
17. Violations related to railroad-highway grade crossings.



Important CDL Rules:

The following rules are important to know and can be found on pages 1-2 and 1-3 of the Commercial Driver's License Manual:

1. You cannot have more than one license. If you break this rule, a court may fine you \$5,000 or put you in jail. Keep your home state license and return any others.
2. You must notify your employer within 30 days of conviction for any traffic violations (except parking). This is true no matter what type of vehicle you were driving.
3. You must notify your motor vehicle licensing agency within 30 days if you are convicted in any other jurisdiction of any traffic violation (except parking) This is true no matter what type of vehicle you were driving.
4. You must notify your employer if your license is suspended, revoke, or cancelled, or if you are disqualified from driving.
5. You must give your employer information on all driving jobs you have held for the past 10 years. You must do this when you apply for your commercial driver's license.
6. No one can drive a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL. You may be fined up to \$5,000 or be put in jail for this violation.
7. Your employer may not let you drive a commercial motor vehicle if you have more than one license or if your CDL is suspended or revoked. A court may fine the employer up to \$5,000 or put him/her in jail for breaking this rule.
8. All states are connected to one computerized system to share information about CDL drivers. The states will check on drivers' accident records and be sure that drivers do not get more than one CDL.
9. You will lose your CDL for at least one year for a first offense:
 - If you drive a commercial motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance (for example, illegal drugs).
 - If you leave a scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle you were driving.
 - If you use a commercial motor vehicle to commit a felony.
10. You will lose your CDL:
 - For at least 60 days if you have committed two serious traffic violations within a three-year period involving a commercial motor vehicle.
 - For at least 120 days for three serious traffic violations within a three-year period.

* "Serious traffic violations" are excessive speeding (15 mph or more above the posted limit), reckless driving, improper or erratic lane changes, following a vehicle too closely, and traffic offenses committed in a commercial motor vehicle in connection with fatal traffic accidents.