

Instructions for Obtaining your Commercial Drivers License (CDL)

- You will be getting a Class C license with a “Q” restriction (50 questions). You must also obtain a “P” Passenger Endorsement (20 questions) and an “S” Endorsement (20 questions) plus a road test.

TO GET YOUR PERMIT

- Obtain the CDL Permission Slip from camp that specifies you will be driving a 15-passenger van. Bring a VALID New Jersey license with you.
- Bring 6 Points of ID with you. A digital driver's license is valid for 4 points. A non-digital license is only valid for 1 point. A permit may be obtained in Cherry Hill, Medford or Deptford.
- Pick-up the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Manual typically located at the front desk.

BEFORE TAKING THE TEST

- Study chapters 1 to 4 & 9 to 13.
- Obtain and fill out the Fingerprinting Form, the “S” *Endorsement Information Flyer & Declaration* page from the *Staff* section of our web site, www.tallpinesdaycamp.com.
- Obtain the Medical Examination Form from camp. Schedule an appointment with your doctor for a physical examination.

Take practice exams at www.cristcdl.com for the general knowledge and Passenger Endorsement tests. There are eleven practice exams for general knowledge and one for the “P” endorsement. The following websites have a specific school bus section:

http://www.testprepreview.com/modules/school_bus_endorsement.htm &
<http://www.layover.com/cdltest/schoolbus>

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TAKING THE WRITTEN TESTS

- Take the written test for a Class C license with a “Q” restriction (50 questions). You must also obtain a “P” Passenger Endorsement (20 questions) and an “S” Endorsement (20 questions).
- Skip questions you may not know to get to the ones you recognize. However, don't skip too many.
- When you are ready to take the written test, the completed Medical Examination Report, fingerprinting receipt, and should be completed and taken to any MVC office. All three tests are done on a computer. You will be taking the tests for a Class C license with a Passenger “P” Endorsement and an “S” Endorsement. Always bring your 6 points of ID with you every time you go to MVS.

TAKING THE DRIVING TEST

- Be prepared to take your short driving test in either April or May (Date TBD) at 8:00 AM at the Cherry Hill inspection Station on Cuthbert Blvd. You must complete all of your computer tests before being able to take the driving test. The driving test center is located across from Camden Catholic High School and the Courier Post buildings. Please e-mail camp to schedule your appointment for the driving test.
- Please take your license, fingerprinting receipt, Medical Examination Report, 6 Points of Verification and the “S” *Endorsement Information Flyer & Declaration* page.
- Please make sure that you get the last page of the Medical Examination Report which is titled Medical Examiner's Certificate.

AFTER YOU PASS

Please send copies of new license, fingerprinting receipt and Medical Examiner's Certificate to camp.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you are at MVS and have ANY problems **do not leave**. Please have them call Jacqueline Gonzalves at the Motor Vehicle Help Line (609) 292-7500 x5077 or Barb Spevak at camp at (856) 262-3900. They are there to resolve our problems.

“S” ROAD Test Study Guide

Below is a list of some of the things you need to know based upon what we have witnessed from previous CDL Road Tests. Please remember that the MVC testers are asking questions based on the

previous CDL Road Tests. Please remember that the MVC testers are asking questions based on the use of a bus. There are no questions for vans at this time.

Pre-Trip Inspection (The Walk-Around)

Drivers were asked to walk around the vehicle and point out what they need to check before driving the vehicle.

As you walk around the vehicle you would touch, grab, etc. and say the following:

"I would check tire pressure, lug nuts, tread depth (4/32" front tires & 2/32" rear tires), uneven tread wear, stem valve, mirrors, windshields, wipers, emergency exits, tire jack, tail pipe, amber lights, headlights, tail lights, look under the vehicle for leaks or fluid spills, make sure the gas cap is secure, and check the stop arm and stop sign. I would also look under the hood to check all of my..."

Some of these items are on a bus but they are asking about them anyway.

Road Test (Non-Driving)

Both driver and tester entered the vehicle. The tester began asking questions.

They asked about the different things you should check before driving. You would say, "I would check for the following: first aid kit, fire extinguisher, seat belt cutter, reflective triangles, emergency exits (there are 4 in a bus, back door, windows and rooftop), gauges (fuel, temp., oil pressure & voltage), lighting indicators (ABS brakes, amber & red lights, hazard lights, turn signals and battery), physically honk the horn, etc."

Here are some of the questions they asked: (Most of them were based upon the use of a bus.)

- 1) How soon do you put on your hazard lights before getting to a railroad crossing? Answer - 200 ft. You actually put on your hazard lights not your amber lights because you are not picking up campers, only crossing the railroad tracks.
- 2) When you get to the railroad crossing what do you do? Answer – Stop 15' to 50' from the tracks, open the bus door and roll down driver window to check to see if anything is coming. Go over tracks and then turn off hazard lights. If the gate doesn't open on the opposite side of the track you should plow through it if a train is coming.
- 3) How soon do you put on amber lights before picking up campers? 200ft.
- 4) How far from the curb are you when you pick-up children? 10 ft.
- 5) What do you do when you stop to load passengers? Put bus in neutral (buses do not have "park" gear), engage the emergency break, engage the stop sign and red lights, count the number of student that are at the stop and make sure it matches the number that have boarded the bus. Look at mirrors if the numbers don't match. If you don't see the missing child in the mirrors before departing, take out the key, exit the bus and look around and under the bus.

Road Test (Driving)

You will drive the van approximately 100 feet. At the first stop you will describe what you do at a railroad crossing and at the second stop you'll describe how you pick-up children.

Please read chapters 10 to 13 for further info. Chapters 10 & 11 seemed to be the most important.