

TRAFFIC NEWSLETTER

DMV Administrator's Office 1905 Lana Avenue NE Salem, Oregon 97314
October 2025

Commercial Driver's License testing

October 1st 2025

- Effective Oct. 1, there will be a new Commercial Driver Manual, updated CDL knowledge test questions and new CDL skills test material. This includes the scoresheet, vehicle inspection checklist, pamphlet and CDL examiner manual.
- Updates impact the scoresheet, vehicle inspection checklist, pamphlet and CDL examiner manual. The CDL examiner manual is intended to prepare an applicant for the licensing, knowledge, and skills testing processes and is not a substitute for an entry-level driver training program.
- Changes to the test questions will include updated elements of CDL vehicle inspection and Basic Control Skills maneuvers, two key components of the CDL skills test. The vehicle inspection assesses the driver's ability to identify potential mechanical problems and ensures the vehicle is safe to operate. Basic Control Skills maneuvers test a driver's ability to control the vehicle in various situations like backing, turning and stopping.
- The new knowledge test brings Oregon into alignment with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) modernized CDL test that has the same high standards for assessing a commercial driver's ability to use up-to-date technology. AAMVA is a non-profit organization that develops programs and sets standards for motor vehicle administration, law enforcement and highway safety across the U.S. The adoption of the new test gives Oregon DMV access to AAMVA training resources and assistance with current and future compliance.
- DMV and third-party examiners are allowed to utilize the current and updated tests until June 1, 2026. However, drivers with banked scores under the current test model may find a limited availability of examiners offering the older test as we move forward with the transition. For more information, please see [OAR 735-063-0260](#)

[House Bill 2660](#) – RV TRIP PERMITS

Effective January 1st, 2026

- Oregon vehicle dealers may issue a trip permit for RVs that is valid for 30 consecutive days if the vehicle was bought by a person who does not reside in Oregon and does not intend to title the vehicle in Oregon. Only one can be issued per vehicle and the cost of the permit is \$70. Oregon dealers can issue it by print on-demand from the dealer portal on DMV2U. Dealers who are unable to make purchases in the dealer portal on DMV2U will be able to purchase existing RV trip permit books (Form 305) for this permit type and issue physical permits. The book will be stamped by DMV Business Regulation to indicate that the permits in that book are valid for 30 days. For additional information please view the [Measure Document](#)

DMV Field offices pilot appointment only

Various Dates

- Starting Oct. 2, the [Bend office](#) will be appointment only on Thursdays. The office will continue to serve drop-ins and appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Starting Oct. 8, the [Corvallis office](#) and [South Salem office](#) will be appointment only on Wednesdays. The offices will continue to serve drop-ins and appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Starting Oct. 13, the [Junction City Office](#) will require appointments.
- Starting Oct. 13, the [Springfield office](#) will require appointments.

DMV Field Office Expanding Days of Service**Effective October 6th 2025**

● Staffing in the Stayton DMV, located at 11656 Sublimity Rd., SE, Suites 101 & 106 Sublimity, OR 97385 and Lebanon DMV, located at 2485 S 2nd St., Lebanon, OR 97355 has stabilized. Starting October 6, 2025, the offices are expanding their service days from three to five days a week

Stayton New Service Day, Effective October 6, 2025:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm
Daily mid-day closure from 12:30-2:00pm

Lebanon New Service Day, Effective October 6, 2025:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am – 5:00pm

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Attention: Court Clerks

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION. As you know, DMV maintains a list of courts. It's an important list containing physical addresses and public phone numbers. In fact, your public contact information is placed on our website. And, of course, we only use the private numbers you give us to conduct DMV business and your mailing addresses to send you updates and information.

To update information, please call (503) 945-5131
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