

Oregon's Commercial Learner Permit New Requirements Effective September 26, 2016

Overview

On September 26, 2016 Oregon DMV will no longer issue commercial instruction permits (P-CDLs) and begin issuing Commercial Learner Permits (CLPs). P-CDLs will remain valid until expiration, but cannot be renewed or replaced after September 26, 2016. Federally mandated disqualifications found in 49 CFR 383.51 (major offenses, serious violations, railroad-highway grade crossing convictions, and violations of out-of-service orders) will now apply to CLP holders as well as CDL holders. Similarly, CLP holders will not be eligible for DUII diversion or other forms of conviction masking.

What's a CLP?

A CLP, when carried with a valid Oregon Driver License, authorizes you to operate a commercial motor vehicle for purposes of behind-the-wheel training when accompanied by a holder of a valid CDL. If you want to apply for a CDL and are required to take a CDL skills test you must first obtain a CLP. You must hold a valid CLP at least 14 days prior to taking your CDL skills test. CLPs will be valid for one year and cannot be renewed.

CLPs are issued with the class, restrictions and endorsements for the vehicle in which you intend to practice and take your skills test. CLPs may carry the following endorsements:

- (P) Passenger
- (S) School bus
- (N) Tank

The restrictions that may appear on a CLP are as follows:

- (K) Intrastate Only
- (L) No CMV with Airbrakes
- (M) No Class A Passenger Vehicles
- (N) No Class A or B Passenger Vehicles
- (P) No Passengers in a CMV Bus
- (X) No Cargo in CMV Tank
- (V) Federal Medical Variance

New restrictions will also apply to the CDL and are based on the type of vehicle in which the skills test was taken. Those restrictions are:

- (E) Manual Transmission Restriction – This will restrict the operator to vehicles with automatic transmissions.
- (O) Tractor-Trailer Restriction – This will restrict the operator to vehicles without a fifth-wheel coupling system. This applies to Class A vehicles only.
- (Z) Full Air Brake Restriction – This restricts the operator from driving vehicles with full air brake systems. This will still allow for the operation of vehicles with air-over-hydraulic brake systems.

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Authority

ORS 807.285, in accordance with 49 CFR Section 383.25, require a person to obtain and hold a CLP for 14 days as a precondition to the original issuance or upgrade of a CDL if the upgrade requires a CDL skills test.

For Additional CDL and CLP Application Requirements

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/cdlget.aspx>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/cdlrenew.aspx>

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/pages/driverid/cdlreplace.aspx>