



# Commercial Truck Driver

With its flexible schedules and night course offerings, the Commercial Truck Driving (CDL) course makes your career transition a smooth ride. From in-person instruction to on the road training, you will have the opportunity to learn your truck inside and out.

## CLASS A

In just six short weeks (or 10 weeks in the evening class) you can get your class “A” CDL. You will benefit from classroom instruction learning tractor-trailer operations and regulations, map reading, logbook management, and other pertinent subjects

that relate to the safety and legal operation of tractor-trailers. You’ll experience hands-on training and driving, becoming familiar with tractor-trailer components and CDL pre-trip inspections. You will also learn the proper procedures for coupling/uncoupling, sliding fifth wheels and trailer tandems, adjusting brakes, using a clutch brake, shifting and backing. You will then progress to secondary roads, practicing correct upshifting and downshifting techniques, engine RPM management, starts, stops, lane control, and turns. As your proficiency develops, you will move on to primary and interstate roads. Training includes pre-trip vehicle inspection, vehicle control, range, and behind-the-wheel driving (required for skills testing).

Course requires 148 hours of classroom and hands-on training and testing. This program is licensed by the SC Department of Motor Vehicles/ Department of Public Safety.

## CLASS B

In just two and a-half weeks of training you can get your class “B” CDL. Class consists of 50 hours of classroom instruction, 10 hours of behind-the-wheel driving and 10 hours of range experience. During the last 2 days of class you will be testing for licensure. Class B students will begin their classroom instruction with the Class A students. This program is licensed by the SC Department of Motor Vehicles/ Department of Public Safety.

### Entry Requirements

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Possess a valid South Carolina Driver’s license
- Provide a certified 10-year driving record
- Provide a DOT physical, including long-form
- Possess a SC CDL Beginner’s Permit
- Provide a copy of your Social Security Card
- Have a Workkeys or WIN Score, Bronze or higher

### Program Details

- Tuition includes books, materials, and mandatory drug screening.
- Drug screening will take place the first day of class. You can also expect to go through an additional random drug screen sometime during your CDL program.
- Upon request, you will be provided with information that will assist you as you are studying and taking the CDL Beginner’s permit exam.
- Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

# Career Outlooks and Average Salaries

Job Title	What You Do	Salary			# Job Openings
		Entry	Median	Skilled	
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,001 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). May be required to unload truck. Requires commercial drivers' license. Includes tow truck drivers.	\$26,528	\$47,121	\$94,173	1,910



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