



CDL Class A Training Information

Prior to the start of training, participants must provide a copy of their CDL permit, DOT health card and negative drug screen results; be registered in the federal Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse; and pass a driving background check (required to train using state vehicle). Training complies with the new federal entry-level driver training requirements that went into effect in February 2022.

M State provides one-on-one training with an M State instructor.

M State monitors student progress for the online training platform.

An M State tractor/trailer is available for training. Own vehicle may be used.

M State uses a manual transmission tractor and 53-foot flatbed trailer for training. The manual transmission tractor eliminates restrictions on the Class A CDL.

M State instructor chaperones students to CDL testing. M State vehicle is available for use.

DOT health/medical card is required to take the CLP test.

CLP study guides are online. Test can be taken at any DVS location. Be prepared to wait in line to take the CLP test.

The CLP test has three parts: General Knowledge, Combination Vehicles and Air Brakes. Be prepared for all three parts.

CLP is good for six months. Drivers have six months to complete the training after obtaining the CLP.

The health/medical card and CLP are necessary to schedule the road (driving) test with DVS. Be aware that the wait time for a DVS road test appointment may be several weeks.

Negative drug/alcohol screen must be within 30 days of start of training.

The one-on-one range and road driving training are scheduled as close to the road test date as possible.

Best to have your CLP and schedule your CDL road test BEFORE completing the drug/alcohol screen.

M State can provide detailed instructions on how to register in the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse, which is necessary before the start of training,

