What Type of CDL do I Need?

You will need the appropriate group designation on your CDL to operate the following vehicles:

√ Group A

 Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 pounds or more, provided the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of any towed vehicles is 10,001 pounds or more.

Group A designation will allow you to operate a Group B or Group C vehicle provided you have the required endorsement.

√ Group B

 Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less.

Group B designation will allow you to operate a Group C vehicle provided you have the required endorsement.

√ Group C

 Any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that meets neither the definition of Group A nor that of Group B, but is either designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, or is used in the transportation of materials found to be hazardous and require the motor vehicle to be placarded under the Hazardous Materials Regulations (49 CFR, part 172, subpart F).

What Endorsements do I Need?

In addition to the appropriate CDL vehicle group designation, endorsements are required to operate the following:

- T Double or Triple Trailers: (Triple trailer combinations are not permitted in Michigan).
- P Passenger: For vehicles which are designed to carry 16 or more people (including the driver).
- N Tank: For commercial vehicles designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that are either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or the chassis. If a commercial motor vehicle transports 1 or more tanks manifested either as being empty or containing only residue, those tanks shall not be considered in determining whether the vehicle is a tank vehicle.
- H Hazardous Materials: To carry hazardous materials in amounts requiring placards.
- X Combined Tank and Hazardous Materials: For hauling liquids, liquefied gases and hazardous materials.
- S School Bus: For CMVs used to transport pre-primary, primary or secondary school students from home to school, school to home or to-and-from school-sponsored events.