

Digging Deep to find the right CDL School™

1. School name and Location: _____ / _____
2. Is the school a Federally Certified training provider and registered in ELDT? _____
3. Is the school a State Certified training provider? _____
4. Do I need to have my CDL permit before I begin classes? _____
5. If not, do you send me to get my DOT Physical prior to beginning classes? _____
6. Is the cost of my DOT Physical included in my tuition fee? _____
7. Do you offer flexible schedules or is your course a set weekly schedule? _____
8. Do you guarantee I will get my CDL and if so, is that at no extra cost to me? _____
9. Do you teach and test on a manual transmission? _____
10. Will I get a Class A CDL without an automatic transmission restriction? _____
11. What is the total tuition fee? \$ _____
12. Does that tuition fee include housing or meals? _____
13. What is the tuition cost if I don't need housing or meals? \$ _____
14. Is there a discount for paying full tuition upfront? _____
15. Will the school allow you to stay extra days if required for you to get your CDL? _____
16. Is there an additional fee for each extra day if extra time is required? \$ _____
17. If you are not able to complete the training, does the school give a partial refund and how is that pro-rated? _____
18. Does the school offer help with any grants or other financial help and can they provide you with information on it? _____
19. What is the graduation rate? % _____
20. How many years have they been in business? _____
21. Are they rated with the Better Business Bureau? _____
22. What are their ratings and reviews from former students on Google? _____
23. How many instructors do they have for classroom instruction? _____
24. How many instructors do they have for yard skills instruction? _____
25. How many instructors do they have for road skills instruction? _____

26. How many years of experience driving do they require their instructors to have? _____
27. How many years of experience do their instructors have with teaching? _____
28. How many students do they have per class? _____
29. What is their student to instructor ratio? _____
30. What is their student to truck ratio? _____
31. How many students per truck on yard skills? _____
32. How many students per truck on road skills? _____
33. Is the classroom actually taught by a live instructor? _____
34. How many hours of classroom time? _____
35. How many hours of yard skills time? _____
36. How many hours of road skills time? _____
37. How many hours total of instruction do you get for your CDL training? _____
38. Do you provide housing if I live too far away to commute? _____
39. Is housing included in my tuition fee? _____
40. Is housing provided onsite, or is it a hotel, house, apartment, etc.? _____
41. Can I have the name and address of the hotel, house, or apartment? _____
42. How in depth of a pre-trip inspection do you teach, and do you have any mechanical components taken off trucks to use exhibits when teaching inspections and explaining what they are and how they function? _____
43. Does this school teach techniques for dropping and hooking trailers? _____
44. Do they use twin drive axle tractors with sleepers for training? _____
45. Do we get to take our test in the same tractor we train with? _____
46. Do we get to use the same tractor every day for training? _____
47. What is the year, make, and model of the tractors they use for training?

48. What types and lengths of trailers do they use for training? _____
49. Do they teach you how to slide trailer tandems to adjust axle weights? _____
50. Do they teach you about bridge laws? _____
51. Do they teach you about KPRA laws? _____

- 52. Do they only teach road skills in daylight hours, or do they also do night driving? _____
- 53. Do they teach you about load placement and load securement? _____
- 54. Do they teach you how to read a truckers road atlas? _____
- 55. Is this school affiliated with any carriers? _____
- 56. Do any carrier recruiters come to the school to pre-hire? _____
- 57. Does the school help with job placement during and after graduation? _____

Below you can make any special notes on this school depending on what matters most to you and make any comments you feel you will need to remember, such as who you spoke with, training schedules, availability, etc.

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