

CDL Starter Packet

Minimum requirements to get started on your CDL journey.

Start with the right documents, training, and safety mindset.

This packet gives students a clean overview of the basic steps before CDL testing.

1 Eligibility

- Must be at least 18 years old for intrastate operation within Florida.
- Must be at least 21 years old for interstate operation or hazardous materials.
- Must hold a valid driver license and provide proof of lawful presence.

2 Required Documents

- Valid driver license.
- Social Security card.
- Proof of Florida residency.
- Birth certificate, valid passport, or other accepted lawful-presence document.

3 DOT Medical Card

- Schedule a DOT physical with a certified medical examiner.
- Receive a Medical Examiner's Certificate, valid up to 24 months unless issued for a shorter period.
- Keep your CDL medical status current with the DMV as required.

4 CDL Permit (CLP)

- Apply at the DMV and pass the required knowledge tests.
- Common tests include General Knowledge, Air Brakes when applicable, and Combination Vehicles for Class A.
- Your CLP is part of the process before completing training and testing.

Big picture: License + documents -> DOT medical -> permit -> ELDT -> skills test -> CDL

Tip: Keep a folder with copies of every document you submit or receive. CDL success starts with organization.

Note: Requirements can vary by license class, endorsement, and state. Confirm current requirements before testing.

Training & Testing

Know what comes next so you can move forward with confidence and direction.

5 Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)

- FMCSA requires ELDT before eligible entry-level drivers may take the CDL skills test.
- Training includes theory and behind-the-wheel requirements when applicable.
- Gorgeous TruckHers Inc. provides FMCSA-approved ELDT Theory Training.

6 CDL Skills Test

- After training, schedule your CDL skills test with a certified State Examiner.
- The skills test includes Pre-Trip Inspection, Basic Control Skills, and Road Test.
- Practice should focus on safety, communication, control, and confidence - not just memorization.

Quick Checklist

Use this readiness check before moving forward.

- Age and driver license requirements
- Required identity/residency documents
- DOT Medical Card
- CDL Permit (CLP)
- ELDT Theory Training
- Behind-the-wheel training, if applicable
- CDL Skills Test scheduled

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SCAN TO START

Student reminder: Always confirm current CDL, medical, and testing requirements with FLHSMV/FMCSA or your local licensing office.