



Commercial “A” Driver’s License (CDL)

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Certifying Organization	Department of Motor Vehicle www.expresslane.org												
Description of Credential	<p>Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Class “A” credential allows 18 year old students who have obtained a valid personal driver’s license (“E”) to operate any combination of vehicles, included in the broad classes of “B”, “C”, “D” with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more, provided that the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds. Students aged 18 are allowed intrastate driving (only) of non-hazardous materials.</p> <p>Additional endorsements can be obtained with specific requirements (i.e., airbrakes, double/triple trailers, etc.)</p>												
Part of which Graduation Pathways ¹	<u>Regional</u> : Commercial Driver												
Associated with Which Careers?	<p><u>5 Star</u>: Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers; First Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Movers</p> <p><u>4 Star</u>: Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics</p> <p><u>3 Star</u>: Drivers/Sales Workers; Light Truck or Delivery Service Drivers; Bus Drivers, Transit, and Inncity; Logging Equipment Operators; Police, Fire, and Ambulance Dispatchers</p> <p><u>2 Star</u>: Ambulance Drivers and Attendants-Except EMT; Athletes and Sports Competitors; Bus Drivers: School or Special Client; Couriers and Messengers; Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors; Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs</p>												
Entry-Level Annual Salaries	\$25,640 - \$32,470												
Industry-Based Certification Requirements: Students													
Standard / Curriculum	<p>No high school curriculum is available.</p> <p>Students may obtain free CDL practice tests online. In addition to commonly requested forms and driver’s license FAQs, the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles provides links to vehicle, driver, and business services. For complete Information on the Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of Motor Vehicles state law RS 32:408, click here .</p> <p>Louisiana Commercial Driver’s License Manual found here .</p> <p>Students must:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">a) apply for the CDL</td> <td style="width: 50%;">b) have a valid Louisiana driver’s license (“E”)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c) provide social security number</td> <td>d) show proof of insurance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>e) get a physical examination by a certified doctor</td> <td>f) take a vision screening</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">g) show proof of being a Louisiana resident</td> </tr> </table>					a) apply for the CDL	b) have a valid Louisiana driver’s license (“E”)	c) provide social security number	d) show proof of insurance	e) get a physical examination by a certified doctor	f) take a vision screening	g) show proof of being a Louisiana resident	
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Testing Methodology	Paper?	No	Online?	**Yes	Performance Exams / Tests?	*Yes							
Re-Testing (if available)	Re-Test Procedures	Students may take the basic knowledge test unlimited times without paying re-test fees but must wait before re-taking the test.		Max Attempts	Unlimited attempts are allowed with a 48 hour wait between testing.								
Testing Details (including any age requirements / accommodations)	<p>The age requirement is 18 and older for Intrastate CDL and 21 and older for interstate. The number of written test questions may change with each type of endorsement. The passing score for the exam is 80% on the knowledge test. Practice Tests are available.</p> <p>* A student must pass the following 3 parts of the skills test:</p> <p>a) vehicle inspection b) basic controls c) road test with a third-party tester</p> <p>The road skills test must be completed in the type of vehicle the driver will operate.</p> <p>**Online testing takes place at a local DMV office.</p>												



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<i>Bulletin 746, Chapter 5: All Louisiana teachers providing instruction in a course that leads to an IBC must hold the certification that they're teaching students to attain.</i>					
Instructor Certification Requirements (by certifying agency)	Commercial Driver’s License courses are taught at private driving schools, vocational or technical schools. No curriculum is taught in high school.				
Proctoring / Test Security (if any)	N/A				
Certification Tracking					
Credentialing Documentation	Students are handed the Commercial Driver’s License at a local Office of Motor Vehicle in their area upon successful completion of all testing and other requirements.				
Certification Tracking System	Online Tracking System?	Yes	Details	CDL driving records and medical records are tracked online at the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles.	
Other Details	Expiration Timeframe?	CDL licenses expire in Louisiana after 6 years. Anyone can renew up to 180 days before expiration. A renewal letter is sent 90 days prior to expiration. A self-certification form in addition to a current physical examination and medical examiner’s certificate must be submitted upon renewal.			
Certification Costs / Funding Sources					
Cost Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A CDL physical is required (fee set by the medical examiner). b) \$15 application fee. c) Third Party Skills test is \$100 (if you provide the vehicle). NOTE: Cost for rental of a vehicle, discretion of the Tester/Examiner. d) License fee – (Cash only) \$61.50 (\$76.50 if you reside in Orleans Parish). e) Service fee is \$0 - \$6.00 f) Additional endorsements - \$5 each, except for motorcycle which is \$8. g) Applicable parish fee - not to exceed \$3. For information concerning costs, see Section 1, Policy 2.00 Fees and Duration of License .				
Re-test / Refund Policies	No Refund				
Funding Sources ²	CDF?	No	Perkins?	Yes	Alternative Source (other than General Funds)
For More Information					
Certifying Agency Contact Info	Louisiana Department of Motor Vehicles 7701 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806 www.dmv.org				
LDE Contact	JumpStart@La.Gov				
Jump Start Regional Team Experts	TBD				

1 – This table may not include all the graduation pathways this credential appears in. Please check the [graduation pathway](#) you are working with if you have a question as to whether or not this credential is part of that pathway.

2 – CDF = [Career Development Fund](#)