

CDL TESTING, SCHEDULING, RETESTS, & ELDT REQUIREMENTS

Board Members of the NHSTA recently met with the Department of Safety and reviewed many topics. I want to communicate some important details that trainers and managers should understand regarding CDL testing & licensing.

We would like to thank Director Marasco, Sergeant Atherton, Trooper Hildreth, and Michael Mercier for their support.

Sergeant Atherton reported the CDL Testing team is fully staffed and there is no delay in scheduling tests at this time.

We reviewed the 10-day waiting period requirement for retesting, this is required within the Driver's License Administrative Rules.

CDL WRITTEN TEST FOR PERMIT

Schedule your tests (General Knowledge, Passenger, School Bus, and Air Brake if required). Driver will take tests. If they pass, receive CDL Permit. If they fail any test, they can reschedule while still at the DMV, the test date will be out 10 days. If they do schedule online for a retest, be sure they select an appointment date 10 days out, if not, when they arrive to take the test(s) they will be denied.

REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULING ROAD TEST - FMCSA Training Provider

Registry <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

[Training Provider Registry - Transportation](https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/)

Welcome to the Training Provider Registry. FMCSA's Training Provider Registry improves highway safety by ensuring that entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) complete training as required by the new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations before testing for certain commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) and CDL endorsements.

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It is a requirement in-order for a road test to be scheduled, the driver MUST have their training registered in the TPR. Do NOT send a trainee to the DMV with a hard copy certificate, that will not be accepted. Be sure their training is complete and registered in the TPR.

FAILURE OF ROAD TEST & RESCHEDULE

If a trainee fails their road test, they can at that time go into the DMV and schedule a retest, it MUST be 10 days out. They do not have to wait the 10 days to reschedule, the test date however will need to be 10 days out.

NOT READY FOR A SCHEDULED ROAD TEST – CALL & RESCHEDULE, DON'T BE A "NO SHOW"

The DMV has a schedule in place, a major concern is the number of trainees that are a "no show". Help keep appointments available, if you have a trainee that will not be able to make an appointment, call the DMV and reschedule, free up that appointment for someone who is ready. If you have a trainee ready to test and their appointment is out a few weeks or would prefer another location, call the DMV to see if anything different is available, if we ALL free up appointments and eliminate "no shows", it will benefit us everyone. Let's work together to keep the schedule working!

NEW/ENHANCED TESTING SITES IN THE WORK

Currently the Department of Safety is working on expanding one test site and opening 2 new sites.

The existing site in Lebanon is slated to be expanded, construction planned to begin in the spring of 2023.

A new location in Epping (Park & Ride) is planned for the summer of 2023.

Another new location will be in Bethlehem is planned for the fall or winter of 2023.

We will be sure to communicate implementation dates when available, but were pleased to hear the Department of Safety is expanding their testing locations.