

# TZD COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE PARTY BUSES AND PASSENGER CARRIERS

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## Minnesota driver's license

- ▣ Class "D" driver's license;
  - Valid for any single unit with a GVW of 26,000 lbs or less, recreational vehicles, & farm vehicles.
  - May tow trailers up to 10,000 pounds GVW, or
  - May tow trailers greater than 10,000 pounds if the combined GVW is 26,000 lbs or less.



## Minnesota driver's license MS 171.02

- ▣ Class "C" driver's license
  - Valid for any single unit with a GVW of 26,000 lbs. or less requiring a hazardous materials, school bus or passenger endorsement (designed to transport more than 15, including the driver)



## Minnesota driver's license

- ▣ Class "B" driver's license;
  - Valid for any single unit in excess of 26,000 lbs.
  - Passenger endorsements for vehicles designed to transport more than 15, including the driver (16 or more total)
  - May tow a trailer with a GVW of *10,000 lbs. or less.*



## Minnesota driver's license

- ▣ Class "A" driver's license;
  - Valid for any single unit or combination.
  - Passenger endorsements for vehicles designed to transport more than 15, including the driver (16 or more total)



## New CDL Restriction Codes



## CDL Restrictions

- ▣ New restrictions must be added to the CDL depending upon the vehicle being used for the road test
- ▣ Restriction code letters standardized for all states
- ▣ Anything different needs to be spelled out and explained on the license

## CDL Restrictions



E -

Not valid for CMVs with a manual transmission

- An automatic transmission includes any transmission other than a manual transmission as defined in 383.5.
  - ▣ A transmission utilizing a driver-operated clutch that is activated by a pedal or lever and a gear-shift mechanism operated either by hand or foot. All other transmissions, whether semi-automatic or automatic, will be considered automatic.

## CDL Restrictions

L -

Not valid for CMVs with air brakes

- Must pass air brake knowledge test.
- Must pass road test in a CMV that operates fully or partially on air brakes.



## CDL Restrictions

Z -

Not valid for CMVs with full air brakes

- Passed test with a partial air brake system, air over hydraulic brake systems are not common
- Most military trucks are equipped with this system



## CDL Restrictions



O -

Not valid for tractor / semi-trailer



## CDL Restrictions



Even though this vehicle has a fifth wheel the driver will still gain an O restriction because the trailer is not a semi-trailer and the fifth wheel is not permanently mounted.

## CDL Restrictions

K -

Intrastate only

- Drivers under 21
- Drivers with MNDOT or DVS school bus waiver

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V -

Drivers with medical waivers issued by FMCSA

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## CDL Restrictions

N -

Not valid for buses over 26,001 GVWR

- This applies to drivers who already have a class A or B.
  - If an applicant takes a road test in a class C passenger vehicle, they may not operate a class A or B passenger vehicle.

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## CDL Restrictions



M -

Not Valid for class A passenger bus.

- This only applies to class A drivers.
  - If the applicant takes a road test in a class B passenger vehicle, they may not operate a class A passenger vehicle.



## For Hire Passenger Carriers & Party Buses!





## Endorsement Required?

- Passenger (P) Endorsement required when the vehicle is “designed to transport” 16 or more passengers, including the driver
- School Bus (S) Endorsement required when the bus is transporting pupils to or from a school, or a school related activity in MN



## Open Bottle

**MN Statute 169A.35 Allows the consumption of alcoholic beverages**

- A Bus that is operated by a motor carrier of Passengers
- A vehicle providing limousine services



## MN Statute 221.0252 Subd 4(b) Intrastate for-hire regulated passenger carriers must carry a copy of their permit



## MN Statute 221.131 Subd 2(c) - All intrastate passenger carriers must also carry a copy of their vehicle identifier

**MINNESOTA INTRASTATE CARRIER IDENTIFICATION OF AUTHORITY**  
Failure to carry this card in the appropriate vehicle at all times is a violation of Minnesota Motor Carrier Laws.  
Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations (651) 215-6330

**VOID IF ALTERED**

TEST CARRIER  
TEST ALIAS  
TEST DBA  
MAILING ADDRESS 1  
MAILING ADDRESS 2  
MAILING MN 99999-9999

**MINNESOTA**  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Issued Date: 01/01/2001

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CARRIER FILE #	YR & MAKE OF VEHICLE	UNIT #	LICENSE #	STATE
100000	2004 TEST	123	ABC123	MN
TRANSACTION #	THIS VEHICLE ID CARD IS VALID	SERIAL #	EXPIRES	
12345678	FOR PERMIT TYPE: PASS	1A11AA1A1AA012345	03/03/2003	



## Cell Phone usage on buses

-FMCSR 390.80 Prohibits Texting while driving in buses or any other commercial motor vehicle

-FMCSR 390.82 Prohibits using a hand-held mobile telephone while driving a bus or any other commercial motor vehicle

-MN Statute 169.443 Subd 9 prohibits operating a school bus while communicating over, or otherwise operating a cellular phone for personal reasons.

# Questions?

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