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Congratulations! You are now ready for the next step...CDL Skills/Drive Testing!

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW TO FULFILL THE **SKILLS/DRIVE PORTION OF YOUR TESTING**. GOOD LUCK AND SAFE DRIVING.

CDL Skills/Drive Test appointments can be made for any of the following locations:

Bradley	Charleston	Tilton**	DeKalb	East St. Louis
Elk Grove Village	Marion	Moline/Silvis	Olney	Peoria
Princeton**	Quincy	Rantoul	Rockford (CDL)	Springfield (Dirksen)
South Holland	Salem	West Chicago	(**B & C Class vehicles only)	

To schedule your **skills/drive test exam**, please visit the Illinois Secretary of State website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com or call **217-785-3013, Option #4 (Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)**. Appointment availability, days that appointments are offered and appointment times, varies by location. All necessary written tests MUST be successfully completed prior to scheduling an appointment. If you are an out-of-state transfer or you are having difficulty attempting to schedule on the website, please call for an appointment.

All initial and upgrading CLP holders must hold the CLP for a minimum of 14 days before conducting any CDL skills/drive testing. An appointment can be scheduled in advance outside of this 14-day waiting period. Out-of-state CDL transfers who are transferring to Illinois and applying for an identical CDL are not required to fulfill the waiting period.

Please make sure of the following before arriving for your appointment:

- 1) The vehicle(s) — including the trailer, if testing for class A — has **verifiable and legible** GVWR/GCWR manufacturers tag(s) affixed to the vehicle(s). **No skills/drive testing** can be administered without this verification.
- 2) If required by law (which include most vehicles), the vehicle(s) — including trailer, if testing for a class A — has the **proper safety certification** affixed to or accompanying the vehicle(s). The road portion of the test will be not conducted without this certification.
- 3) The vehicle(s) being utilized for the test is reasonably clean and in safe operating condition with a proper seat and seat belt for the examiner.
- 4) If required by law, the vehicle(s) has the **appropriate insurance coverage** documents (insurance card or certificate).
- 5) The **proper, valid registration** is accompanying the vehicle(s) and valid registration plates are affixed where required.
- 6) You must bring the **proper class** (single or combination vehicle of proper GVWR levels) **and representative vehicle** (truck, regular bus or school bus) for your particular test. No semi-tractors can be used solo for Class B testing. The vehicle also must be **equipped with air brakes (if so desired, and the air brake written test has been previously passed)** or you will have an air brake restriction applied to your CDL. Class A CDL applicants who DO NOT conduct their testing in a **semi-tractor and trailer combination** will receive a restriction that WILL NOT permit them to drive semi-tractor and trailer vehicles. CDL applicants who conduct their testing in an **automatic transmission** vehicle will receive a restriction that WILL NOT permit them to drive manual transmission CMV vehicles.
- 7) Short-term CDL appointment slots are hard to obtain. If you have a need to **cancel your appointment**, please contact the phone number above 24 hours or ASAP prior to your appointment, so another applicant may have access to your appointment time.

Additional Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) and other information:

- 1) **All skills/drive testing applicants MUST have a valid CIP/CLP** to conduct the testing. Your CDL instruction permit (CLP) will expire **180 days** from the initial/original date of issuance. You may renew an original CLP (one time) up to 30-calendar days prior to or five days after expiration without re-taking the written CDL testing for a new CLP fee. **Upon any CLP renewal, all passed skills/drive testing will be forfeited.** To renew a CLP outside of the above time frame or to obtain a new original (after a renewed CLP has expired), you **will be required to re-take all applicable CDL testing and pay all appropriate fees.**
- 2) **Regardless if your CLP is still valid;** if you passed your Core Knowledge and/or Combination exams on a date prior to when your CLP actually was issued, you must complete the entire drive testing **PRIOR** to either of those individual tests expiring. If not, **any expired test MUST be re-taken and appropriate fees re-paid** before any drive testing can be scheduled, re-scheduled or performed.
- 3) CLP holders are **NOT permitted to drive** any vehicle transporting passengers — other than examiners/trainers; any vehicle placarded for hazardous materials; any loaded tank vehicle; or any vehicle equipped with air brakes (unless written air brake test has been passed) until they have completed the entire CDL testing process and obtained their actual CDL license with proper endorsements.
- 4) Any CDL applicant who desires to obtain the endorsement required to drive a vehicle that will be placarded for hazardous materials must complete fingerprinting and a background check prior to any testing for this endorsement. This is required by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and can be accomplished by contacting **855-DHS-UES1 (855-347-8371)** or by visiting <https://universalenroll.dhs.gov/#hme-home>. This process takes a couple weeks to complete and requires an additional fee collected by TSA. Once you have received notice of approval, you will be permitted to take the hazardous materials written test to obtain the endorsement.

5) Any CDL applicant who desires to drive **ANY vehicle transporting children for school curriculum-based activities** must follow special federal and state requirements and must be employed directly with a school district/school bus company or charter bus company. For further information, contact a Secretary of State CDL facility or the School Bus/Safe Ride section through the CDL hotline at 217-785-2377.

CDL SKILLS/DRIVE TESTING INFORMATION

Once applicants have obtained their Illinois Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) or passed all the required written testing to transfer in an out-of-state CDL, and scheduled an appointment set for their skills/drive testing (pre-trip inspection, basic control skills test and drive test), they must bring with them the following items on the day of their appointment:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vehicle insurance ID card or certificate of insurance for testing vehicles(s). 2. CLP and/or receipt(s). 3. Most current receipt associated with their CLP or written testing. 4. Current Illinois driver’s license or out-of-state CDL license. 5. If an applicant is coming from another state or obtaining a license for the first time, please bring certified proof of Date of 	<p>Birth, proof of written signature, official proof of Social Security number and two (2) acceptable documents to prove residency.</p> <p><i>*consult cyberdriveillinois.com for up-to-date acceptable personal document requirements.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. A completed SB2 form, signed by school/bus company personnel (within 90 days), if conducting drive testing in a School Bus or any class vehicle to obtain an Illinois School Bus Permit (SBP).
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PRE-TRIP CHECK LIST

When conducting a Pre-Trip inspection, applicants must be prepared to explain all safety related items in association with each of the components listed in the table below (if their vehicle is so equipped) and/or be able to perform the functions associated with certain items. Consult the Illinois Secretary of State CDL Study Guide (available at SOS facilities or by visiting cyberdriveillinois.com) for detailed inspection information reference to these items.

<p>Tires Rims Lug Nuts Axle Seals Suspension Brake System</p>	<p>Air Brake Hoses Governor Cut-Off Air Brake System Leak Checks Air Brake Fan-Down Procedure Air Brake Warning Device(s) Air Brake Protection Valve(s)</p> <p><i>*this section only applies if vehicle is equipped w/air brakes</i></p>	<p>Steering Wheel Brake Pedal Clutch Pedal Accelerator Pedal Horn(s) Emergency Equipment</p>
<p>Head Lights Tail Lights Brake Lights Turn Signals Clearance Lights Hazard Lights (4-way)</p>	<p>Hydraulic Brake Check Parking Brake Check Service Brake Check Trailer Brake Check</p>	<p><i>(Bus section)</i></p> <p>Passenger Entry Seats Emergency Exits Stop Signal Arm First Aid Kit Fire Extinguisher Flashing Red/Yellow Lights</p> <p><i>*some of these items are specific to school buses</i></p>

Of the items listed above, applicants will only be asked to explain/perform the Pre-Trip inspection on the items associated with the vehicle(s) they bring in for the test. The section order of the skills/drive testing will be: **1) Pre-Trip, 2) Basic Control Skills and 3) CDL Drive Test.**

Once the applicants have successfully passed one portion of the skills/drive testing, they will not have to re-take that portion of the testing at their next appointment, as long as they complete all three sections within the same CLP time frame. In their follow up appointments, they will start at the beginning of the portion of the testing in which they were unsuccessful (pre-trip or skills or drive). The sections of the skills/drive testing must be successfully passed in the order above to obtain an Illinois CDL.

Upon any CLP renewal, all passed skills/drive testing will be forfeited. If renewing a CLP within the allotted time frame (30 days prior to expiration or five days after the expiration date) no written exams will be required. If renewing on the sixth day or after from the expiration date all applicable written exams are required. The appropriate fee will be required to renew.