

CDL Process – Step #1 Written Tests

1. There are 3 steps for a new driver to complete the CDL process. This powerpoint will focus on step #1. Completing your written tests @ DPS and receiving your CLP (CDL permit)
 - Step #1: Written tests > CLP (permit)
 - Step #2: Complete ELDT Theory – most likely online with your district.
 - Step #3: Complete ELDT Behind the Wheel
- Your district trainer/supervisor has access to the NTSS website which has all of the related support study and training materials for your written tests.

CDL Written Tests Information Overview

1. Understanding the process of getting an appointment to take your CDL written tests.
 - Scheduling online appointment or,
 - Using a “walk in” appointment
2. Documentation and forms needed in advance of your trip to DPS to take your written tests.
 - Complete CDL 1 Form
 - Complete CDL – 10 form if applicable – **school bus drivers only!**
 - Take Form of US Citizenship – (a) Official Birth Certificate or (b) Passport
 - Take proof of at least 3 forms of Texas Residency.
3. CDL Sections and Tests required to get your CDL permit (CLP).

DPS Appointment Information

1. Scheduling your DPS appointment

- Appointments can be made online @ <https://public.txdpsscheduler.com/>
- To avoid waiting on the appointments available, drivers may visit the DPS office (first thing in the morning) and request if there are “walk-in” appointments available. Recommended to mention that are you there to take your CDL written tests to become a school bus driver.

Documentation Needed Prior to DPS Visit

1. Driver should complete CDL 1 form in advance of their trip to DPS.

- CDL 1 Form Link - <https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/cdl-1.pdf>
- Driver should select change at the top of the page & complete applicant and contact information.
- Instructions section: Under CLP – select Class B / Endorsements – select Passenger and School Bus / Airbrakes – select with Airbrakes.
- Required Information – Question #1 select yes for Interstate / answer all other remaining questions.
- Wait to sign the form at the DPS office.

Documentation Needed Prior to DPS Visit

2. Driver should complete CDL 10 form in advance of their trip to DPS. **School bus drivers only!**

- CDL 10 Form Link - <https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/CDL-10.pdf>
- Drivers are recommended to complete CDL 10 if they are only using their CDL to drive a school bus. Driver will complete applicant information.
- Drivers will select option #1 under certification.
- Wait to sign the form at the DPS office.
- If you are using the CDL 10 exemption, you are not required to take your medical certificate with you to DPS.

Please note :

- If drivers will use their CDL for other reasons in addition to driving a school bus, they should not complete this form. They will only need the CDL 1 form.
- **These applicants will also need their medical certificate for this visit to DPS.**

Documentation Needed Prior to DPS Visit

3. Drivers can use the link to help determine the documents needed during their DPS visit.

- <https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-57.pdf>

- Driver will need proof of US citizenship.

 - Either **official birth certificate** or valid passport.

- At least 2 forms of Texas residency. Would suggest taking at least 3. Use the link above to determine the type of documentation accepted by DPS.

 - Reminder: address on the documentation must match the address on your DL.

- Take your current DL.

- SS card.

- Fee is \$25.

Written Test Information – Class B with P & S

1. Drivers will take their 5 written tests in the order listed below.

a) Texas Commercial Rules – Section 14 – Passing % 14 of 20

b) General Knowledge – Section 1, 2 & 3 – Passing % 40 of 50

** Above Tests are required if applying for Class A or Class B*

c) Air Brakes – Section 5 – Passing % 18 of 25.

** Test is required if CMV uses Air Brakes*

d) Passenger Endorsement – Section 4 – Passing % 14 of 20

** Test is required if adding Passenger Endorsement*

e) School Bus Endorsement – Section 10 – Passing % 14 of 20.

** Test is required if adding School Bus Endorsement*

* The sections listed above are from the CDL Driver Handbook.

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/dl-7c.pdf>

Written Test Information – Class B with P No Air Brakes

1. Drivers will take their 5 written tests in the order listed below.

a) Texas Commercial Rules – Section 14 – Passing % 14 of 20

b) General Knowledge – Section 1, 2 & 3 – Passing % 40 of 50

** Above Tests are required if applying for Class A or Class B*

c) Passenger Endorsement – Section 4 – Passing % 14 of 20

** Test is required if adding Passenger Endorsement*

* The sections listed above are from the CDL Driver Handbook.

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/dl-7c.pdf>

Written Test Information – Class B with Air Brakes

1. Drivers will take their 5 written tests in the order listed below.

a) Texas Commercial Rules – Section 14 – Passing % 14 of 20

b) General Knowledge – Section 1, 2 & 3 – Passing % 40 of 50

** Above Tests are required if applying for Class A or Class B*

c) Air Brakes – Section 5 – Passing % 18 of 25.

** Test is required if CMV uses Air Brakes*

* The sections listed above are from the CDL Driver Handbook.

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/dl-7c.pdf>

Written Test Information – Class A with Air Brakes

1. Drivers will take their 5 written tests in the order listed below.

a) Texas Commercial Rules – Section 14 – Passing % 14 of 20

b) General Knowledge – Section 1, 2 & 3 – Passing % 40 of 50

** Above Tests are required if applying for Class A or Class B*

c) Air Brakes – Section 5 – Passing % 18 of 25.

** Test is required if CMV uses Air Brakes*

d) Combination – Section 6 – Passing % 16 of 20.

* The sections listed above are from the CDL Driver Handbook.

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/forms/dl-7c.pdf>

Written Test Information

1. Each NTSS trainer has access to PDF documents for each section listed.
2. Driver will be able to continue taking tests until they fail a test. At that time, they are finished for the day. Before leaving, schedule your next testing appointment with DPS.
3. There are many apps and study materials online. Many former drivers have recommended the app Genie (free) and Genie MVP (\$).
4. **When finished, driver will receive their CDL permit (CLP). The permit is good for 180 days and can be renewed 1 additional time for another 180 days. Do not let your permit expire!!!!**