



# CDL Class B Training

## *General Information*

Continuing Education & Workforce Development

### Classroom Instruction

In-class instruction is led by a professional truck driver and focuses on the knowledge testing you will need for the state CDL Class B written exam.

- Class “B” Trucking Industry Introduction
- Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations
- State and Federal Motor Traffic Laws
- Straight Truck Operation
- Defensive Driving Overview
- Docking/Warehouse Safety

### Range and Road Instruction

This course will also provide the major skills training and practice necessary in preparation for the state CDL Class B driving exam. CDL Class B learners permit required with Air Brake endorsement.

- Dept. of Transportation Safety Inspections
- Vehicle Control Systems
  1. Basic Vehicle Control
  2. Shifting
  3. Cornering
  4. Maneuvers
  5. Forward Stop
  6. Straight Line Backing
  7. Sight Side Parallel Parking
  8. Blind Side Parallel Parking
  9. Alley Dock
- Pre-trip/Safety Inspections and Preventative Maintenance
- Emergency and Accident Procedures
- Safety and Defensive Driving
- Visual Search
- Hazard Perception
- Speed and Space Management
- Skid Control and Recovery
- Passing and Meeting other Vehicles
- Emergency Maneuvers
- CDL Class “B” Practical Exam Preparation

Program Fees	Fee: \$1,750	Registration Fee: \$8
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Separate Costs	<i>Required before the start of class</i>
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- **D.O.T. Physical** - \$85\*
  - **D.O.T 10 Panel Drug Screen** - \$35.00\*
  - **CDL Learner’s Permit with Air Brake/Passenger endorsement** - \$90.00 (MD cost). **Because this is a short class, you must have your permit before you start the class.** Pick up the free Commercial Driver License Manual at your MVA/DMV and study the specified chapters for the written exam (practice exams at [www.roadwars.com](http://www.roadwars.com)) **OR** register for a four-hour CDL Learner’s Permit Prep class for only \$28 (see our website at [www.hagertowncc.edu/GoDrive](http://www.hagertowncc.edu/GoDrive) for more details)
- \*Cost may vary depending on provider

**Please check with your state’s MVA/DMV to be sure you have no outstanding violations that would prevent you from obtaining your CDL permit or license.**

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the entrance requirements for the training course?**
  1. Must possess a valid license, obtain a *CDL B Learner's Permit with Air Brake/Passenger endorsement*, and be 18 years of age.
  2. Must be able to pass the DOT Physical and a DOT 10 Panel Drug Screen.
  3. Must communicate in the English language sufficiently, as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
  4. Must be a permanent resident of the United States.
  
- **I am not a Maryland resident. Do I need to transfer my license to Maryland?**

No. Currently licensed Pennsylvania or West Virginia residents should obtain a Learner's Permit from their state of residence. Testing is not provided outside of the three state region.
  
- **What if I have less than a perfect record?**

A good driving record will be important in gaining employment. *Each employer has specific insurance concerns and will consider each applicant on an individual basis.*
  
- **What level of income can I expect to earn at entry level?**

As an entry level Class B driver, starting pay averages between \$25,000 - \$40,000 per year.
  
- **Do I need a CDL B Learners Permit before I begin?**

**You must obtain your *CDL Learner's Permit with Air Brake/Passenger endorsement*.** Because the class is short, students will begin in vehicle training quickly and must be properly licensed. There are also some special considerations for WV residents who must apply to the DMV in advance before taking the Learner's Permit exam.
  
- **How long does it take to complete the class?**

Most classes meet on Saturday's and will be complete in 7 weeks; other classes may meet during the week and can be completed in as little as 3 weeks. See the Continuing Education schedule for published dates.
  
- **How do I schedule to take my CDL B exam?**

HCC staff will contact the MVA and arrange a testing date after class is complete. Testing availability varies by state with a waiting period in some states due to volume.
  
- **Where does the training take place?**

Classroom and practical experience will take place at our Commercial Vehicle Transportation training facility at 14527 Industry Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

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## Schedule and Registration

**TDV-008 – Published course dates are in the Continuing Education schedule online at [www.hagerstowncc.edu/GoDrive](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/GoDrive) but other dates may be offered depending on demand. Complete your DOT and Learner's Permit requirements and contact HCC to be added to the wait list if a start date is not immediately available.**

To begin the registration process, contact Jack Drooger at 240-500-2453, or email [jadrooger@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:jadrooger@hagerstowncc.edu)