

Maryland Commercial Driver License (CDL) Manual Amendment Insert

Please Note: Until future CDL controlled skills change in 2009 and are established at each MVA branch office, the test maneuvers will continue to be:

- Forward stop
- Parallel park (driver side/conventional)
- Straight line backing
- Alley Dock

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Added “combination vehicle” to 2nd paragraph under “you must have a CDL to operate.” The revised paragraph should now read:

You must have a CDL to operate:

A combination vehicle with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, if the trailer(s) has a GVWR of 10,001 or more pounds.

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Clarified text related to hazardous materials in 4th paragraph under “You must have a CDL to operate”. The revised paragraph should now read:

Any size vehicle which requires hazardous material placards or is carrying material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR part 73. Federal regulations through the Department of Homeland Security require a background check and fingerprinting for the Hazardous Materials endorsement. Contact your local department of driver licensing for more information.

Page 1-4, Section 1.2.7

Changed “license” to “privilege” in the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs. Changed “serious speeding violation” to violations of traffic control laws (other than parking violations”); and “periods ranging from 60 to 120 days” to driving privileges in 2nd paragraph. Added “controlled substance or felony” after “alcohol violations” in the 3rd paragraph. Clarified that a second violation in a personal vehicle or CMV would result in a lifetime loss of privileges.

The revised wording should now read:

If your privilege to operate your personal vehicle is revoked, cancelled, or suspended due to violations of traffic control laws (other than parking violations) you will also lose your CDL driving privileges.

If you privilege to operate your personal vehicle is revoked, cancelled, or suspended due to alcohol, controlled substance or felony violations, you will lose your CDL for 1 year. If you are convicted of a second violation in your personal vehicle or CMV you will lose your CDL for life.

Page 5-6, Section 5.3.2

Additional wording added:

The manual adjustment of automatic slack adjusters is dangerous because it give the vehicle operator a false sense of security about the effectiveness of the braking system.

Page 8-1, Section 8

Added “in the above described rated tanks” at the end of the 1st paragraph.

The revised paragraph should now read:

This section has information needed to pass the CDL knowledge test for driving a tank vehicle. (You should also study Sections 2, 5, 6, and 9). A tank endorsement is required for certain vehicles that transport liquids or gases. The liquid or gas does not have to be a hazardous material. A tank endorsement is required if your vehicle needs a Class A or B CDL and you want to haul a liquid or liquid gas in a permanently mounted cargo tank rated at 119 gallons or more or a portable tank rated at 1,000 gallons or more. A tank endorsement is also required for Class C vehicles when the vehicle is used to transport hazardous materials in liquid or gas form in the above described rated tanks.

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Revised 9th paragraph by deleting, “by March 24, 2006”