



Commercial Driver Qualification

Introduction:

A commercial motor vehicle (CMV) is any vehicle with a gross weight rating greater than 10,001 pounds that is used in interstate commerce or a vehicle that hauls hazardous materials that requires placards.

If you operate a CMV, you must be qualified as a commercial driver. The only difference between a driver with a CDL and someone without is the drug and alcohol testing requirements. FMCSA does not require controlled substance testing for non-CDL drivers.

Discussion Points:

- Identify who is a commercial driver
- Determine what documentation must be collected
- Understand the limitations placed on commercial drivers
- Understand medical qualifications and certification requirements
- Understand the required pre-employment investigation process

Discussion:

As a commercial driver, you have special responsibilities and duties to the general public. You need to become familiar with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and understand how they apply to your job.

You also need to learn how to inspect your vehicles to be sure they are safe for the road, know the basics of how it works, and the safety features it has.

Know how to report problems or defects to your employer.

As always, be safe out there!