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## **Commercial Driver License (CDL) Training FAQ**

### **Are there minimum driver qualification requirements before enrolling into Johnson County Community College (JCCC) CDL training program?**

Yes. All participants will need to be Qualified in DQS (Driver Qualification System) and have a valid Class A Permit with the self-certification status of Non-excepted Interstate (NI) from the candidate's local DMV.

### **What Endorsements or Restrictions will be on my license at the end of training?**

- Endorsements
  - Passenger
  - Tank
  - Hazmat
- O Restriction – Except Tractor-Trailer (bumper pull trailers only)

If the driver takes the Skills Test using a Class A vehicle that has a pintle hook or other non-fifth wheel connection, they will have an "O" restriction placed on their license restricting them from driving any Class A vehicle with a fifth wheel connection. Drivers can get a CDL restriction removed by retaking the basic skills and road driving test using a truck equipped with a fifth wheel.

### **How do I obtain my Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) Certification for a CDL-A Permit?**

Participants must complete the following requirements to obtain their ELDT Certification to complete a CDL-A Permit:

- Complete 20-hours of prerequisite Computer Based Training (CBT) courses.
- Complete 80-hours onsite behind-the-wheel training at JCCC.
- Complete any additional requirements with the local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), show certificate of ELDT training, and test to obtain their CDL-A Permit.

### **How does the testing work?**

CDL competency-based testing in class:

A minimum score of 80 percent on each CDL class training exam is required to pass the classroom portion. Successful completion of the class is required to complete the CDL Skills Test at the DMV. The exams cover the theory-based training topics required by registered Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration entry-level training providers. A perfect score must be obtained on the in-cab brake test. If a student's scores fall below these levels, they will have the opportunity to retest once.



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### CDL Testing:

JCCC employs three CDL third-party examiners and most students will have the opportunity to test with a JCCC CDL Examiner. On occasion, due to examiner availability, CDL testing is conducted by the state examiners from either the Missouri or Kansas DMV. DMV testing includes pre-trip, straight line backing test, basic control skills, and road test.

### **Drivers Must Demonstrate Competency In:**

- Vehicle Inspections Pre-Enroute and Post Trip
- In-cab brake test
- Reversing maneuvers
- Basic control skills
- Road skills test
- General awareness of signage that applies to Commercial motor vehicles

### **If I already have a CDL B, or A, and only want to upgrade or add endorsements if this an option, is the course length just as long?**

Time requirements vary in every state for how long an individual must retain a permit before they are authorized to test. Instruction should be included to ensure individuals have maintained their permit for the time requirements prior to attending the training.

### **How long and where is the onsite training?**

Training is 10 days long, and is conducted at New Century Driver Training Space, Kansas City in Edgerton, Kansas.

### **What is the required attire for the on-site training?**

- All required Personal Protective Equipment
- Slacks or jeans in good condition are acceptable; no shorts are allowed
- Union Pacific Railroad approved work boots with a defined heel
- No excessive amount of jewelry

### **Where will the final skills testing take place?**

Final CDL skills testing is completed at the JCCC driving range in Edgerton, KS. JCCC is a third-party examiner and can test almost anyone from any state in the country. After a participant has demonstrated mastery of all pre-trip, backing, and driving skills, the final CDL skills test will be scheduled. Generally, the final skills test takes place during the last week of training.



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### **How do I apply for the CDL training program?**

Please use the following [link](#) to sign-up for open enrollment CDL training opportunities. Workforce Resources will select open enrollment candidates every six-months based on seniority. Once selected, participants will be notified via email of the CDL training opportunity, and prerequisite CBT's will be uploaded to learning plans. All CBT's must be completed two-weeks in advance of attending onsite CDL training.

### **How do I book travel and lodging?**

Workforce Resources will coordinate with Corporate Travel Management to arrange participant travel and lodging expenses.