## A GUIDE TO CDLCOMPLIANCE

#### What is a CDL?

• Defined in 49 CFR part 383.5

A motor vehicle or
combination of motor vehicles
<u>used in commerce</u>

to transport passengers or property

#### Combination Vehicle (Group A, <u>Determined by weight</u>)



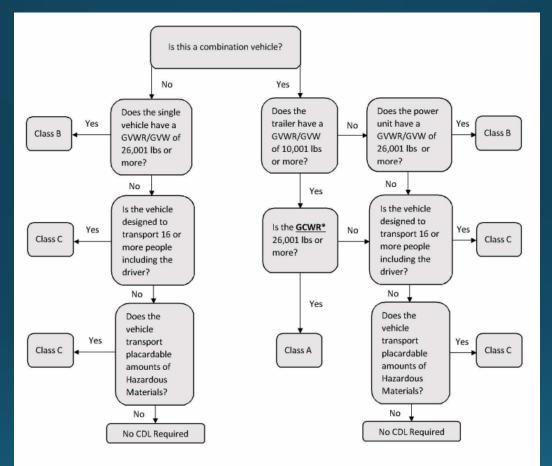
#### Heavy Straight Vehicle (Group B – Determined by weight)



• Small Vehicle (Group C, determined by endorsements)



#### A Quick Guide to Who needs a CDL?



#### \*Gross combination weight rating/GCWR) is the greater of:

(1) A value specified by the manufacturer of the power unit, if such value is displayed on the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) certification label required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. or

(2) The sum of the gross vehicle weight ratings (GVWRs) or the gross vehicle weights (GVWs) of the power unit and the towed unit(s), or any combination thereof, that produces the highest value.

Exception: The GCWR of the power unit will not be used to define a commercial motor vehicle when the power unit is not towing another vehicle.

## When do I need endorsements?



## Are there any exemptions to the CDL requirements?

- Military Drivers
- Farmers
- Firefighters/Emergency Response

• Drivers removing snow and ice???

## How do I obtain my CDL?

#### AREYOU AN ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER?



#### What is an Entry-Level Driver?

• Do not currently possess a CDL.

• Did not obtain a CLP prior to Feb 7, 2022.

• Less than 1 year experience.

## Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)

• Title 49 CFR, Section 380.601 Defines

• Theory or

Behind-the Wheel (BTW)

# What if I'm not an Entry-Level Driver, but want to upgrade my CDL?

• You must take instruction if:

• CDL for first time.

• Upgrading from Class B to Class A.

• Obtaining a S, P, or H/X endorsement for 1<sup>st</sup> time.



## Does this apply to municipalities?

• Yes.

#### • 390.3(f)(2) exempts but leaves it up to the state.

• MCL 257.312(f) requires CDL.

#### Can the SOS waive the requirement?

• Yes, but Michigan has waived for only:

• Farm operations.

• Valid license in other state.

• Passed a driving skills test in another state.

• Military CMV experience.

## Must a new driver go to a school?

• Yes, but there's an exception.

• 380.713 Instructor Requirements.

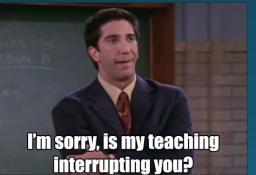
## What is a Theory Instructor?

• Provides knowledge instruction on the operation of a CMV and:

• Holds a CDL of the same (or higher) class w/ 2 years experience.

OR

#### • Holds CDL of same (or higher) w/ 2 years BTW Instructor.



### What is a BTW Instructor?

- An individual who provides <u>actual operating of a CMV on a</u> range or public road and:
- Holds a CDL of the same (or higher) class w/ 2 years experience

#### OR

#### • Holds CDL of same (or higher) w/ 2 years BTW Instructor.



## MEDICAL CERTIFICATES



## WHO NEED A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE?

• DRIVING A CMV OVER 10,000 LBS? YOU MUST BE CERTIFIED!!!



When do I need to keep the certification on me?

• Driver of any CMV from 10,001 – 26,000 LBS intrastate.

• If you are self-certified certified as non-exempted intrastate.

#### PERIODIC INSPECTIONS



#### When are periodic inspections required?

396.17(a)

• All vehicles that meet the definition of a CMV per 390.5.

#### When are periodic inspections required?

• 396.17(c)

• Required every 12 months.

## Are there exemptions?

#### • Transportation performed by:

- Federal government
- A State
- Any political subdivision of a State, or
- Any agency established under a contract between States approved by the Congress of the US.

#### The Village of Lakeview qualifies under this exemption!

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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