

Important Changes to CDL Rules Announced

Changes are coming with regard to CDL issuance polices. New federal rules require Michigan to implement certain changes in how CDL's are issued. This important notice will describe some of the immediate amendments. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions. (989) 316-1304 <u>info@cardl.com</u>

Foreign Language Interpreters Prohibited (May 4, 2015)

Interpreters will no longer be allowed to assist applicants with the written CDL knowledge tests at the Secretary of State Branch offices. This policy is effective beginning Monday, May 4, 2015.

Interpreters also are not allowed to assist with CDL driving skills tests. Hearing-impaired applicants should contact a tester to learn about the availability of special procedures for their CDL driving skills test.

Waiting Period for a CDL Skills Test (July 8, 2015)

An applicant for a CDL must hold a (CLP) Commercial Learner's Permit – the CDL Temporary Instruction Permit – for 14 Days prior to taking a CDL driving skills test. This policy is effective beginning Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

Also, all CDL skills tests are subject to observation by State and Federal officials. CDL skills testers must report each scheduled CDL skills test at least two business days prior to the test.

New CDL Restrictions – IMPORTANT (July 8, 2015)

<u>Manual Transmission</u> – A driver who tests in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) equipped with an automatic transmission is restricted from driving a CMV equipped with a manual transmission.

<u>Tractor/Trailer</u> – A driver who tests for a CDL Group A designation in a CMV that is not a tractor/trailer combination vehicle will be restricted from driving a tractor/trailer combination vehicle.

<u>Partial Air Brake</u> – A driver who tests in a CMV equipped with an air-over-hydraulic brake system will be restricted from driving a vehicle equipped with a full air brake system.