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Several changes to CDL skills test procedures take effect July 8, 2015 to bring Michigan into compliance with federal regulations for the testing of persons operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). We would like to share this information with our Customers and General Public to ensure their understanding of the procedures.

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### **14-day waiting period (49 CFR 383.25(6)(e))**

An examiner may not administer a CDL skills test to an applicant who has not held a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) for at least 14 days. The State of Michigan will not allow scheduling of a test if the issuance date of the original CLP is not at least 14 days prior to the scheduled test date. Please Note: There is no "grandfathering" for applicants issued an original CLP in the 14 days prior to July 8.

### **New CDL restrictions (49 CFR 383.95)**

- L – no air brake equipped CMV (formerly the 28 restriction): An applicant who passes the skills test in a CMV equipped with hydraulic brakes receives this restriction. The driver may not drive a CMV equipped with any type of air brake system.
- Z – no full air equipped CMV: An applicant who passes the skills test in a vehicle equipped with air over hydraulic brakes will receive this restriction. Air over hydraulic includes any braking system operation partially on the air brake and partially on the hydraulic brake principle. The driver may not drive a vehicle equipped with any braking system operating fully on the air brake principle.
- E – no manual transmission equipped CMV: An applicant who passes a skills test in a vehicle not equipped with a manual transmission receives this restriction. Federal rules define a manual transmission as "... a transmission utilizing a driver-operated clutch that is activated by a pedal or lever and a gear-shift mechanism operated either by hand or foot. All other transmissions, whether semi-automatic or automatic, will be considered automatic for the purposes of the standardized restriction code" (49 CFR 383.5). The driver may not drive a CMV equipped with a manual transmission.
- O – no tractor-trailer CMV: An applicant who passes a Group A skills test in a combination vehicle with the power unit and towed unit connected with a pintle hook or other non-fifth wheel connection, or with a power unit that is not a tractor-type CMV, will receive this restriction. The individual is restricted from operating a tractor-trailer combination connected by a fifth wheel that requires a Group A CDL.
- M – no Class A passenger vehicle (formerly the 29 restriction): An applicant who passes a skills test in a Group B passenger or school bus CMV receives this restriction. The driver may not drive a Group A passenger or school bus CMV.
- N – no Class A and B passenger vehicle (formerly the 30 restriction): An applicant who passes a skills test in a Group C Passenger CMV receives this restriction. The driver may not drive a Group A or B passenger or school bus CMV.