

CMV and CDL Guide

(Examples)

1. A combination vehicle 26,001 or more pounds is a Class "A" CMV only if the trailer being towed has a gross vehicle weight rating, registered weight or actual gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds.
2. When the weight of the combination vehicle is exactly 26,000 pounds, it is not a CMV and does not require a CDL. Example: A tractor weighs 16,000 pounds and the towed unit weighs 10,000 pounds.
3. When the towing vehicle is 26,000 or less pounds and the towed unit is 10,000 or less pounds, it is not a CMV and does not require a CDL. Example: A tractor weighs 25,500 pounds and the towed unit weighs 8,000 pounds.
4. A CDL with an "N" tank vehicle endorsement is required only when the capacity of the tank is 1,000 gallons or more and the vehicle fits the description of a CMV.
5. A CDL with a "P" passenger endorsement is required when the vehicle is designed to transport or is actually transporting the driver and 15 or more passengers.

Vehicle Examples						License Requirements			
	Tractor or Single Unit Truck	Trailer	Carries HazMat	Is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver	Is a School Bus	Is this a CMV?	Do I need a CDL?	What Class is it?	Which Endorsement?
1	18,000#	12,000#	X			Yes	Yes	A	H
2	8,000#	20,000#				Yes	Yes	A	
3	26,500#					Yes	Yes	B	
4	27,000#	10,000#				Yes	Yes	B	
5	27,000#			X	X	Yes	Yes	B	P and S
6	29,000#			X		Yes	Yes	B	P
7	12,000#		X			Yes	Yes	C	H
8	25,000#			X		Yes	Yes	C	P
9	25,000#			X	X	Yes	Yes	C	P and S
10	5,000#		X			Yes	Yes	C	H
11	16,000#	10,000#				No	No	D	
12	26,000#	8,000#				No	No	D	
13	20,000#	8,000#				No	No	D	
14	10,000#				X	No	No	D	S
15	6,000#	20,000#				No	No	D	
	Tank Truck								
16	26,000#					No	No	D	
17	26,010#					Yes	Yes	B	N
18	26,000#	10,000#				No	No	D	
19	26,000#	10,000#	X			Yes	Yes	C	H - N
20	20,000#	10,500#				Yes	Yes	A	N

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