

Federal & State Laws Impacting School Bus Drivers Medical Fitness for Duty

Commercial Driver's License – Group Designations, Endorsements, & Restrictions¹	
CDL Group Designations	CDL Endorsements
<p>Group A •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ combination of vehicles of 26,001 pounds or more, ✓ towed vehicles is 10,001 pounds or more. ✓ Group A designation will allow you to operate Group B or Group C ✓ required endorsement. <p>Group B •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ single vehicle ✓ 26,001 pounds or more, ✓ towing a vehicle 10,000 pounds or less ✓ Group B allow to operate Group C ✓ required endorsement. <p>Group C •</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ single vehicle ✓ neither Group A nor Group B ✓ designed to transport 16 or more passengers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ T - Double or Triple Trailers: (Triple trailer combinations are not permitted in Michigan). ✓ P - Passenger: For vehicles which are designed to carry 16 or more people (including the driver). ✓ N - Tank: For commercial vehicles designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that are either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or the chassis. If a commercial motor vehicle transports 1 or more tanks manifested either as being empty or containing only residue, those tanks shall not be considered in determining whether the vehicle is a tank vehicle. ✓ H - Hazardous Materials: To carry hazardous materials in amounts requiring placards. ✓ X - Combined Tank and Hazardous Materials: For hauling liquids, liquefied gases and hazardous materials. ✓ S - School Bus: For CMVs used to transport pre-primary, primary or secondary school students from home to school, school to home or to-and-from school-sponsored events.
CDL Restrictions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Restriction Code L: “No Air brake-equipped CMV” • If you do not pass the air brake knowledge test, do not correctly identify the air brake system components, do not properly conduct an air brake system check, or if the vehicle you use for the CDL skills tests is not equipped with air brakes, you will be restricted from operating vehicles with air brakes. ✓ Restriction Code M: “No Class A Passenger vehicle” • Adding a P-Passenger endorsement to your current Group A vehicle group designation and completing the CDL skills test in a Group B bus will limit the operation of buses to Groups B and C buses. • Adding the P-Passenger and S-School Bus endorsement to your current Group A designation and completing the CDL skills test in a Group B school bus will limit the operation of buses to Group B or C school buses. ✓ Restriction Code N: “No Class A and B Passenger vehicle” • Adding a P-Passenger endorsement to your current Group A or B designation and completing your CDL skills test in a Group C bus will limit the P-Passenger endorsement to operation of a Group C bus. • Adding a P-Passenger and S-School Bus endorsement to your current Group A or B designation and completing your CDL skills test in a Group C school bus will limit the P-Passenger and S-School Bus endorsement to operation of Group C school buses. 	

¹[Michigan Commercial Driver License Manual](#); web version update: Nov. 23, 2022; printed: September 2022.

- ✓ **Restriction Code V: “CDL Medical Variance”** • If the State is **notified by the FMCSA that a medical variance has been issued to the driver**, the State must indicate the existence of such a medical variance on the CDLIS driving record and the CDL document **using a restriction code “V” to indicate that there is information about the medical variance on the CDLIS record.**
- ✓ **Restriction Code K: “CDL Intrastate Only”** • This restriction is displayed if you are under 21 or if you self-certify to either “excepted intrastate” or “non-excepted intrastate” as your commercial driving type.
- ✓ **Restriction Code E: “No Manual transmission-equipped CMV”** • If the driver takes the Skills Test in a vehicle that has an automatic transmission, then an “E” no manual transmission restriction is placed on their license.
- ✓ **Restriction Code O: “No Tractor-trailer CMV”** • If the driver takes the Skills Test in a Class A vehicle that is not a tractor-type, or 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 tractor-type vehicle with a fifth wheel connection.
- ✓ **Restriction Code Z: “No full air brake-equipped CMV”** • If the driver takes the CDL skills test in a vehicle with an air over hydraulic brake system, then they will have a “Z” no full air brake restriction placed on their license. The following restrictions are valid only for a Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP):
- ✓ **Restriction Code X: “No Cargo in CMV tank vehicle CMV”** • If you have a tank vehicle endorsement on your Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) you will be restricted from hauling any cargo in the CMV tank vehicle.
- ✓ **Restriction Code P: “No Passengers in CMV bus”** • If you have a passenger/school bus vehicle endorsement on your Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) you will be restricted from transporting passengers in the CMV bus. [No passengers, **students**, while training to operate a school bus. **Mac’s comment.**]