Commercial Driver Training School, Instructor, and Vehicle Requirements

School Requirements

To qualify for a commercial driver training school license the following requirements must be met before a driving school can open for business.

You must:

- Submit an application and the license fee of $150 to the Driver and Vehicle Services Division (DVS)
- Post a surety bond as specified in Minnesota Rules, part 7411.0275, and submit the original bond form to DVS
- Own or lease an administrative office as specified in Minnesota Rules, part 7411.0345
- Comply with the instruction location requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 7411.0355
- Provide a copy of a lease or agreement for instruction location use to DVS
- Submit the classroom and behind-the-wheel curriculum to DVS for approval
- Submit an example of the student contract to DVS
- Provide an insurance certificate for driver education vehicles to DVS
- Provide a vehicle inspection form for training vehicles that are more than six years old

Note: No permanent or temporary program location may be within 150 feet of a site where any part of a driver’s license examination is administered.

Instructor Requirements

- To become an instructor in a commercial driver training school, you must meet the eligibility and training requirements as specified in Minnesota Rules, parts 7411.0620 through 7411.0690.

Vehicle Requirements

- Vehicles used for driver training instruction must comply with the requirements specified in Minnesota Rules, part 7411.0850.
- Vehicles used for driver training instruction must comply with the insurance requirements specified in Minnesota Rules, part 7411.0270.

A copy of the Driver Education Rules, parts 7411.0100 - 7411.2000, may be obtained from any public library where these rules are on file. They can also be accessed online at www.revisor.mn.gov/rules, Minnesota Rules Chapter 7411. Copies of the Rules will not be mailed to you.