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CHANGES TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE RESTRICTIONS

COLUMBUS- New changes to Commercial Driver License (CDL) restrictions will take effect on July 1, 2015. The process to obtain a CDL is regulated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The new restrictions are as follows:

- **(P) No passengers in Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) bus (temporary only)**
A Commercial License Permit (CLP) holder with a P or PS endorsement(s) are prohibited from operating a CMV carrying passengers, other than Federal/State auditors and inspectors, test examiners, other trainees, and the CDL holder accompanying the CLP holder
- **(X) No cargo in CMV tank vehicle (temporary only)**
*A CLP holder with an N endorsement may only operate an empty tank vehicle and is prohibited from operating any tank vehicle that previously contained hazardous materials that has not been purged of any residue. **"Tank vehicle" refers to any commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous materials within a tank or tanks that are either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or its chassis and have individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more. Tank vehicle" does not include a commercial motor vehicle transporting an empty storage container tank, not designed for transportation, with a rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer.***
- **(V) Medical variance**
Indicates the CDL holder has been issued a medical variance on the CDLIS driver record

- **(M) No Class A passengers vehicle**
*This applies to CLP or CDL Class A drivers who are restricted to operating **only** Class B or Class C passenger vehicles*
- **(N) No Class A and B passengers vehicle**
*This applies to CDL Class A or Class B drivers who are restricted to operating **only** Class C passenger vehicles*
- **(K) Intrastate only**
If a CDL holder certifies their status as either Non-Excepted Intrastate or excepted Intrastate, the CDL holder is restricted from operating a CMV in interstate commerce
- **(Z) No full air equipped CMV**
A CLP holder performs the skill test in a vehicle equipped with air over hydraulic brakes. For the purposes of the skills test and the restriction, air over hydraulic brakes include any braking system operating partially on the air brake and partially on the hydraulic brake principle.
- **(O) No tractor trailer CMV**
*Applies to CDL Class A drivers who perform the skill test in a Class A combination vehicle with the power unit and towed unit connected with a pintle hook or other non-fifth wheel connection. An applicant who passes a skills test using a combination vehicle that is **NOT** a **Truck Tractor Semi-Trailer** combination, but is otherwise equipped with a fifth wheel, will be issued a CDL with an "O" restriction*
- **(E) No manual transmission**
Prohibits CDL holders from operating CDL Class vehicles equipped with a manual transmission. For the purposes of the skills test and the restriction, an automatic transmission includes any transmission not operating fully on the gear shift and clutch principle
- **Renewal of Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)**
A commercial driver's temporary instruction permit shall not be issued for a period exceeding six months and only one renewal of a permit shall be granted in a two-year period.

There will also be one new, additional maneuver as part of the basic skills test: the sight side parallel park.

For more information, please visit BMV.Ohio.gov

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