

## Scheduling Your Test

Schedule your test online at  
<https://ridmvreservations.ri.gov>.

For more information visit the  
CDL Skills Test section of the website at  
[www.dmv.ri.gov](http://www.dmv.ri.gov).

### On the Day of Your Skills Test:

- Arrive to the test site at least 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment with all required documents ready for verification.
- Upon arrival, sign in with your sponsor and submit your paperwork to the office no later than 15 minutes before your test time.
- Late arrivals - defined as arriving more than 30 minutes after your scheduled time - will result in the forfeiture of your test and any associated fees.

### Important CDL Skills Test Information:

- A Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) must be held for at least 14 days before taking the CDL skills test.
- Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) must be completed prior to testing. Check your record on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry website at <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

### Important CLP Information:

- A CLP is valid for one year and cannot be renewed.
- All knowledge tests must be retaken before a new CLP can be issued.

## Cancellations/Rescheduling

- If you are unable to attend your scheduled skills test, you must cancel or reschedule at least 48 hours in advance to avoid losing your test fee.
- In the event the DMV cancels skills tests due to unforeseen circumstances, a notice will be posted on the DMV website. You may also receive a phone call or email with instructions to reschedule.

For more information call the  
Skills Test Site at 401-667-2882



## COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE SKILLS TEST

*Information  
and  
Procedures*

### Contact Us

State of Rhode Island  
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Cranston, RI 02920

CDL Skills Test Site  
400 Romano Vineyard Way  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

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# Skills Test Preparations and Requirements

## Study Requirements for CDL Testing

☐ All applicants must study Sections 11, 12, and 13 of the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Manual, as these sections are required for all skills testing.

☐ To prepare for the Air Brake endorsement, study Section 5 of the CDL Manual.

☐ To prepare for the School Bus endorsement, study Section 10 of the CDL Manual. Additionally, for the skills test, you must be familiar with all procedures covered in the **School Bus Safety Course** provided by **CCRI**.

## Testing Sequence and Requirements

The tests must be completed in the following order:

1. Vehicle Inspection Test
2. Basic Control Skills test
3. Road Test

You must pass each section to move on to the next. If you fail any part of the test, the exam will end at that point. Successfully completed portions will be recorded ("banked"), but you will need to reschedule to complete the remaining tests.

### Important Notes:

☐ Chock blocks are required and must be used during the brake test and vehicle inspection.

☐ The pre-trip vehicle inspection includes the full in-cab air brake test.

☐ The in-cab air brake test must be performed correctly. Failure to do so will result in failure of the pre-trip inspection and immediate termination of the test.

# Required Documents and Vehicle Standards

## Required Documents at Test Check-In

When arriving for your test, you must present the following original documents (copies not accepted):

- ☐ Valid CLP (hard copy is required)
- ☐ Valid operator (driver's) license
- ☐ Valid Medical Examiner's Certification
- ☐ Valid vehicle registration
- ☐ Valid trailer registration (Class A only)
- ☐ Valid vehicle inspection sticker
- ☐ Valid vehicle insurance card
- ☐ Your sponsor must present a valid CDL that is equal to or higher than the class of the vehicle being used for the test.

## Vehicle Requirements and Restrictions

☐ You must take the test in an empty vehicle that matches the class of license you're applying for. Loaded vehicles are strictly prohibited. If you arrive with a loaded vehicle, the test will not be given and your exam fee will be forfeited

☐ All hazardous tanker vehicles must be empty, cleaned, and purged prior to testing. A valid Cleaned and Purged Certificate must be presented at the time of testing.

☐ Drivers who take the skills test in a vehicle with an automatic transmission will receive an 'E' restriction on their CDL, which prohibits the operation of vehicles with a manual transmission.

☐ To get certified for air brakes, you must take the test in a vehicle that is fully equipped with air brakes.

# Directions to the CDL Skills Test Site

## From Points North:

- ⇒ Take I-95 south
- ⇒ Merge onto RT-4, Exit 9 on left
- ⇒ Merge on 403 E, Exit 7B Quonset for 3.9 miles
- ⇒ Turn left onto Commerce Park Rd
- ⇒ Turn right at the stop sign, Romano Vineyard Way
- ⇒ CDL Test Range is on the left

## From Points South:

- ⇒ Take I-95 north to Exit 8A Route-2/Quaker Lane
- ⇒ Turn left onto 401/Division Rd, a right onto RT-4 South
- ⇒ Merge on 403 E, Exit 7B Quonset for 3.9 miles
- ⇒ Left onto Commerce Park Rd
- ⇒ Turn right at the stop sign, Romano Vineyard Way
- ⇒ CDL Test Range is on the left

**CDL Skills Tests are conducted at:**

**CDL Skills Test Site  
400 Romano Vineyard Way  
North Kingstown, RI 02852**