## DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES

Post Office Box 80447, 2206 Eastview Parkway Conyers, Georgia 30013 404/657-9300 http://www.dds.ga.gov/

### **Commercial Driver's Licenses**

Phone: (678) 413-8400, (678) 413-8500, (678) 413-8600 or 1(866) 754-3687 outside the Metro Atlanta Area https://dds.georgia.gov/cdl-apply-commercial-license

## **CDL General Information**

Persons 18 to 21 may obtain a commercial driver's license, but will be restricted to drive in Georgia only. On or after the 21st birthday, the driver must go to the examination station and the Georgia Only restriction will be lifted. Anyone who drives the following is required to obtain and carry a commercial driver's license: http://www.dds.ga.gov/Commercial/index.aspx

- Combination of vehicles weighing 26, 001 pounds or more,
- Single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 26, 001 pounds or more
- Single vehicle designed to transport more than 15 persons (including the driver)
- Any size vehicle which requires hazardous material placards.

# **CDL** Application

#### https://dds.georgia.gov/applying-georgia-cdl

Application and manuals for a commercial drivers license (CDL) may be obtained at the Customer Service Centers. Complete the application; the application fee is \$35.00. Fees are waived for veterans and school bus drivers who present the proper documentation. To apply, submit the completed application and \$35.00 fee to any Customer Service Center (except Jackson) and take the required written knowledge exams. The \$10 permit fee is paid prior to taking the knowledge exams. If all exams are passed, the \$10 fee pays for the instructional permit. If any of the exams are not passed, the \$10 fee is retained as a testing fee. The \$10 permit fee would be paid again at the next test attempt.

A copy of the Commercial Drivers Manual can be downloaded at - <a href="http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/commercial/">http://www.eregulations.com/georgia/commercial/</a>

## **CDL Examination Stations**

Examination stations/Customer Service Centers are open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. All Customer Service Centers offer the written knowledge exams; testing must begin by 5:15pm. The Albany, Between, Brunswick, Dalton, Gainesville, Jackson, Milledgeville and Thomson examination stations are the only centers that give CDL road tests and tests are given by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call: (678) 413-8500.