

COMMERCIAL LEARNERS PERMIT

The AR permit is now called the CLP permit (Commercial Learners Permit).

This permit authorizes you to practice on public roads with a licensed CDL class A qualified Driver sitting in the passenger seat. (Cost \$25.00)

The 1st thing you will need before starting paperwork at DPS is a passing DOT physical. This physical shows that you are medically qualified to drive a commercial vehicle.

(Your cost should run approximately \$50.00 to \$100.00 for DOT physical depending on facility.)

When passing, you will receive a long form physical and a DOT physical card. You will need to take these forms with you to DPS.

The CDL Manual is available at your local DPS office and is free.

You will need to study and pass the following tests at DPS for your CLP permit in this order:

1. Commercial Rules (Section 14)
2. General Knowledge (Sections 1, 2, 3, 12, 13)
3. Combination (Section 6)
4. Airbrakes (Section 5)

Note: A CLP permit must be held for a minimum of 14 days prior to holder being allowed to take the CDL Skills Test (Driving Test).

The Skills Test is now taken in 3 phases and in this order:

1. Pre-trip walk around
2. Backing Skills and Maneuvers
 - Straight line backing
 - Parallel parking maneuvers
 - An off-set backing
3. Road Test

(This appointment will be set up by school.)