

Program Information	Contact Information	Date Updated
Commercial Driver License (CDL) TRP-3607	James Mitchell Director, Continuing Education - E&T jtmitchell@forsythtech.edu	June 2025

This document is designed to guide your research into state-by-state requirements for obtaining a Commercial Driver License (CDL) for operating commercial vehicles.

Educational Preparation: Forsyth Technical Community College's CDL program prepares students to meet the federal Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements and to sit for the CDL knowledge and skills tests administered by the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Licensure Requirements: CDL licenses are issued by individual states but follow federal Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations. Additional state-specific requirements may include medical exams, background checks, endorsements (such as hazardous materials), and skills testing. Individuals are advised to consult their state's DMV or licensing agency for up-to-date regulations.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource - 1](#)

[Additional Resource - 2](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Commercial Driver License (CDL) are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Commercial Driver License (CDL) licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	
Alaska	✓	
American Samoa		X
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California	✓	
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut	✓	
Delaware	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
District of Columbia	✓	
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		X
Hawaii	✓	
Idaho	✓	
Illinois	✓	
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	
Massachusetts	✓	
Michigan	✓	
Minnesota	✓	
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada	✓	
New Hampshire	✓	
New Jersey	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
New Mexico	✓	
New York	✓	
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon	✓	
Pennsylvania	✓	
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island	✓	
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	
Tennessee	✓	
Texas	✓	
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	