



Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SMTCCAC, Inc.) CDL Program Overview

ELDT (Entry Level Driver Training) CDL Program:

ELDT Compliant Online Theory Course

This online course meets FMCSA ELDT standards and requirements. This theory course is 100% online that students will complete at their own pace, from home, or anywhere with a reliable internet connection. It takes a minimum of 40 hours and a maximum of 6 weeks to complete. This online course is a prerequisite to obtaining CLP (Commercial Learner’s Permit) and commencing the Behind-The-Wheel course.

ELDT Compliant Behind-The-Wheel Driving Course

This is a 5–6-week course where students will be trained primarily on automatic school/passenger buses with presentation on pre-trip and road test. Students will further practice their skills with range and on-the-road driving. SMTCCAC, Inc. will prepare the students to obtain their CDL (Commercial Driver’s License).

Total Program Cost: \$1500.00

Behind The Wheel Driving Course Schedule

Night Classes:	5-6 Weeks to complete, plus testing
Monday & Wednesday:	5:30pm-8:30pm
Friday:	Reserve Day

CDL Program Requirements

****Students must have approved financial assistance or be paying for self (money order) in order to enroll****

1. Must be at least 21 years of age
2. Must be able to read and speak English language sufficiently
3. Have a valid Driver's license for a minimum of three years
4. Provide your Certified Maryland Driving Record from MVA
 - (MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION) Must be certified 3-year – 3 points or less
 - Go to local MVA or <https://mva.maryland.gov/drivers/Pages/driving-record-information.aspx>
5. Get a DOT (Department of Transportation) approved physical
 - See physician information on page 5
 - Most grants will pre-pay for this physical. If you are receiving grant funds, be sure to check with them before paying
6. Successfully complete drug screening (required prior to BTW course)

CDL Program Outline

1. Apply online and upload all required documents
2. Complete enrollment agreement and pay program fee
3. Complete our ELDT approved Class B Theory course - 100% online
4. Complete the Endorsement course (School Bus & Passenger)- 100% online
5. Apply for and receive CLP (Commercial Learners Permit) with endorsements
6. Complete our ELDT approved BTW (Behind the Wheel) course in-person with instructor.
7. After Completion, SMTCCAC, Inc. will upload the student's completion certificate/record to FMCSA TPR (Training provider registry) electronically.
8. Prepare to take the skills test at the MVA to obtain CDL. (MVA will verify the registry for completion of the ELDT Training prior to testing).
9. Obtain your CDL and Graduate

Financial Assistance Options

The options listed below are available for students to review, if interested. Most students qualify for funding—not always income based. Each grant or funding source will require their own approval process. You must complete their approval process before registering for CDL courses, as payment will be requested at the time of registration.

1. Prince George's County American Job Centers:

Phone: 301-618-8400

E-mail: dlwdallargo-LABOR@maryland.gov

<https://www.dlir.state.md.us/county/pg/>

Maryland's American Job Center network is an equal opportunity employer/program committed to diversity in the workplace. We do not discriminate based on race, religion, color, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions, transgender status, gender identity, and sexual orientation), marital status, genetic information, age, national origin, or ancestry (including Limited English Proficiency), disability, veteran status or political affiliation or belief. Please contact a local American Job Center to plan for auxiliary aids, interpreter services, and reasonable accommodation.

2. Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

<https://tccsmd.org/workforce-development/>

The cornerstone of every community is its workforce. Skilled labor and strong jobs shape our trajectories—as people and as a community. Serving the Southern Maryland region, the Tri-County Council operates a workforce division that provides advocacy, training and support to businesses and individuals alike.

3. Scholarship Available to Charles County Residents

Contact SMTCCAC, Inc. CDL Program: 301-274-4474

Steps to obtain your Maryland Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)

You must obtain a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) from the MVA before starting BTW Driving Class.

- Pick up a free CDL Learners Manual (study guide from the MVA) or online <https://mva.maryland.gov/Documents/DL-151.pdf>
- This will also be available on your Online ELDT Theory Course Platform.
- On the <https://mva.maryland.gov/drivers/Pages/cdl-commercial.aspx> website you can find more Information about obtaining your CLP

For Class A, you must pass three tests 80% or higher (General Knowledge, Air Brakes and Combination tests). For Class B, you must pass two tests (General Knowledge and Airbrakes).

- No limit on retakes, you can attempt all three of these tests daily if you can obtain the proper appointment.
- Once passed, you must present your Birth Certificate or Passport to have the Permit issued. You will receive a paper copy. Keep this copy, do not discard the paper CLP.

DOT Physical Information

A DOT physical is a pre-requisite to attending the Commercial Vehicle Truck Driving Course. **Drug screening is required prior to starting the BTW Course.**

- DOT physicals must be from a physician on the FMCSA's register of certified doctors. The current registry listing can be found on the [fmcsa.gov](https://www.fmcsa.gov) website. You can choose any provider on the registry. <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/national-registry-certified-medical-examiners>

Federal DOT Physical Disqualifications

Listed below are the physical conditions that the Department of Transportation considers to be disqualifying an individual from being able to obtain a CDL:

- Diabetes requiring insulin for control ([Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form](#) and process required for approval).
- High Blood Pressure— Readings of 140/90 or higher are considered borderline by the DOT.
- Respiratory dysfunction that might interfere with safe driving.
- Cardiovascular disease that may interfere with safe driving.
- Rheumatic, arthritic, or muscular disease that interferes with the ability to operate a vehicle safely.
- History of epilepsy or seizures requiring the use of medication.
- Mental, nervous, or psychiatric disorders that may affect safe driving.
- Visual acuity of 20/40 in each eye with 70% horizontal vision.
- Extensive hearing loss (federal waiver possible).
- Use of certain drugs that may affect safe driving.
- Current clinical diagnosis of alcoholism.
- Impairment or loss of leg, foot, hand, or finger that may affect safe driving (federal waiver possible).

Review this website for more details on these regulations:
<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/medical>



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