

South Carolina CDL Training Providers

For South Carolina CDL schools, academies, colleges, and in-house trainers listed on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry (TPR).

Requirements

Facilities

Have a range that allows drivers to practice all required maneuvers. Maintain a continuous \$10,000 corporate surety bond (public colleges and public high schools exempt).

Vehicles

Training vehicles must meet FMCSA inspection, be owned/leased by the school, have max 5 seats with seat belts for all, and display "Driver Training" + school name on both sides and rear.

Curriculum

Use an FMCSA ELDT curriculum (theory/range/road). Meet South Carolina minimum training hours: 148 hrs (Class A Tractor-Trailer) or 70 hrs (Class A Non-T-T / Class B), with state minimum BTW on public roads inside those totals

Instructors

Instructors must hold a CDL of the same or higher class with appropriate endorsements AND have 2+ years CMV experience or 2+ years BTW instructor experience, AND hold an SCDMV-issued instructor permit naming the licensed school (

SC Authorization by Program Type:

- Private, tuition-charging CDL schools: Require an SCDMV Driver Training School License + \$10,000 corporate surety bond + full compliance with §90-100 through §90-120.
- Public colleges, technical colleges, public high schools: Hold SCDMV licenses for BTW components but are exempt from the \$10,000 bond and refund policy (§90-104(D), §90-117). Classroom-only courses may be exempt from licensure under §56-23-20.
- Employer-run in-house programs: Often exempt from SCDMV school licensing under §56-23-20 when training only their own employees — but federal FMCSA TPR/ELDT compliance is always required.

Public school bus programs:

- Federal ELDT for S endorsement (theory + BTW)
- South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE)-issued school bus driver certificate required for public-school transportation
- Training tracked and approved by SCDE-approved instructors / transportation supervisor

During Training

Before Starting

Drivers License
Learner's Permit
Drug Screen
Motor Vehicle Record
Medical Card

Theory

1. Basic Operation (1.0-1.7B)
2. Safe Operating Procedures (2.1-2.7)
3. Advanced Operating Practices (3.1-3.3)
4. Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions (4.1-4.3)
5. Non-Driving Activities (5.0-5.9)
Additional: Human trafficking training

Road

A3.1 Vehicle Controls
A3.2 Shifting/Transmission
A3.3 Communications/Signaling
A3.4 Visual Search
A3.5 Speed & Space Management
A3.6 Safe Driver Behavior

A3.8 Hazard Perception
A3.9 Railroad Grade Crossing
A3.10 Night Operation
A3.11 Extreme Conditions
A3.12 Skid Control/Recovery

Range

A2.2 Straight Back
A2.3 Alley Dock
A2.4 Offset Right/Left
A2.5/6 Parallel Blind/Sight
A2.7 Coupling/Uncoupling

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Full Compliance

Enrollment Agreement Requirements

- In Writing
- Signed
- Includes Itemized Costs
- Payment Terms
- Refund Policy
- Students must be provided a copy

Required Catalog & Disclosure Language

- Admissions
- Tuition/Fees
- Attendance Policy
- Cancellations/Refunds
- Grievance Policy

Student Recordkeeping

- Attendance
- Progress
- Completion
- Payments
- Easily Accessible

Documentation Readiness

- Training Logs
- Attendance
- Completion Status
- Student Documents

Simple Workflow

CDL PowerSuite gives your team a clear and consistent workflow to stay compliant with state and federal requirements—so your documentation is organized, audit-ready, and instantly accessible when you need it.



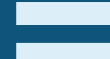
Documented
enrollment process



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100% Compliant
Training Program