

Tennessee CDL Training Providers

For Tennessee 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 \$2,500 surety bond.

Vehicles

Your training vehicles must be safe, legal, and match the same class/type of CDL the student plans to test for.

Curriculum

Use an FMCSA ELDT curriculum (theory/range/road) and provide required human trafficking training for each student.

Instructors

Your instructors must hold a CDL & Endorsement of the same or higher class and have 2+ years CMV experience.

Tennessee Authorization by Program Type:

- **Private, tuition-charging CDL schools:** May require authorization through the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) / Division of Postsecondary State Authorization (DPSA).
- **Public colleges / school districts:** Typically operate under public education oversight, not private school authorization.
- **Employer-run in-house programs:** Often exempt from state authorization when training is provided only to employees (or future employees) at no cost.

Public school bus programs:

- State-approved entry-level school bus training
- Annual driver safety training (minimum 4 hours)
- Training tracked and approved by transportation supervisors/school systems

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

Software Built for Tennessee CDL Training Providers



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.



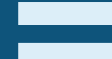
Documented
enrollment process



Documented Training
Records



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100% Compliant
Training Program