

Miami Lakes Educational Center and Technical College

CDL Program

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General Language Requirements for Commercial Vehicle Driving

This evaluation form is not a pass or fail test, it is a communication form so that you will have a clear understanding what is required to possess or obtain a CDL License. The class is held in English only, because we as a CDL Program must follow the Federal Mandated Requirement set by the Department of Transportation. This form has been designed to let you and the instructor know your communication level. **THIS FORM DOES NOT KEEP YOU FROM REGISTERING AND IT IS NOT A PASS OR FAIL TEST.** Miami Lakes wants you to know up front what to expect when you enter the CDL Program from the first day on. You and the instructor must be able to communicate to a certain level in order for you to learn and for your safety. There is two parts to the communication form, 12.0a is a verbal communication form and 12.0b is a comprehension form. These two forms will let you know if you understand the instructor when instructions are given to you. Communicating with a DOT Officer in the English language is a Federal Regulation Requirement (391.11(b)(2)).

Below you will find the actual Federal Requirement from the Department of Transportation or go to: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations> on the internet.

Federal Motor Carrier Regulations

§ 391.11 General qualifications of drivers.

(a) A person shall not drive a commercial motor vehicle unless he/she is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle. Except as provided in § 391.63, a motor carrier shall not require or permit a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle unless that person is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

(b) Except as provided in subpart G of this part, a person is qualified to drive a motor vehicle if he/she -

(1) Is at least 21 years old;

(2) **Can read and speak the English language sufficiently to converse with the general public, to understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language, to respond to official inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records;**

(3) Can, by reason of experience, training, or both, safely operate the type of commercial motor vehicle he/she drives;

(4) Is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with subpart E - Physical Qualifications and Examinations of this part;

(5) Has a currently valid commercial motor vehicle operator's license issued only by one State or jurisdiction;

(6) Has prepared and furnished the motor carrier that employs him/her with the list of violations or the certificate as required by § 391.27;

(7) Is not disqualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle under the rules in § 391.15; and

(8) Has successfully completed a driver's road test and has been issued a certificate of driver's road test in accordance with § 391.31, or has presented an operator's license or a certificate of road test which the motor carrier

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

12.0a Verbal Communication Evaluation Form

Instructions for instructor: Please demonstrate the verbal commands I give you to the best of your ability. If you do not understand my instructions than feel free to ask me to rephrase the question. Do you have any questions?

1. Walk to the back of the tractor. _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor had to repeat the question _____ times.

2. Walk around the truck and trailer? _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

3. Point to one of the tires. _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

4. Point to the accelerator pedal. _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

5. Point to the head lights. _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

6. I want you to walk forward toward the gate, until I tell you to stop, then I want you to come back to me.

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

7. I want you to climb into the passenger side of the truck and buckle your seat belt.

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

8. I want you to open and close your hand 3 times. _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

9. Point to the brake pedal. _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

10. Point to the area of the brake lights on the tractor. _____

- Student was not able to perform the task
- Student was able to perform the task
- Instructor has to repeat the question _____ times.

12.0b Written Comprehension Evaluation Form

Instructions:

Please answer each question to the best of your abilities. There are ten question on the written comprehension form.

11. How many different colors on a traffic light? _____

12. If in a CMV; which is your limit? _____



13. What does the sign below mean to you? _____



14. What should you do when you see a stop sign? _____

15. What is the posted speed limit in a school zone when children are let out of school for the day? _____

16. How many wheels on an eighteen wheeler truck? _____

17. What should you do if your oil level indicator reads low? _____

18. How many days of the week are there? _____

19. What's the fastest you can go on a road that has speed limit sign that displays 55 mph? _____

20. How many colors are in the American Flag? _____