

CDL Truck/Bus Drivers (Commercial Driver License)

There are MANY professional driving positions available, both locally, and long-distance (“over-the-road”/OTR)! You can earn a **Class A CDL** or a **Class B CDL**. What is the difference?

- Class A: Can drive many types of commercial trucks & tractor trailers, can do OTR jobs, generally makes the most money.
- Class B: More limiting than Class A, can drive straight trucks, dump trucks, buses.

How can FSET help you earn your CDL?

- 1) FSET can fund the entire training program! There are several in-person classes available locally.
- 2) FSET can help you get your Fed Med card (health card required for CDL).
- 3) FSET can supply gas cards for travelling to your CDL classes.
- 4) If you have an existing CDL, but want to add endorsements, FSET can pay for that.

IS TRUCK DRIVING RIGHT FOR ME??? Qualities of a good CDL driver include:

- Patience - whether stuck in traffic, waiting to unload your truck, cool under pressure.
- Time-Management Skills
- Discipline
- Concentration - safe, defensive driving skills
- Enjoy working outdoors & hands-on
- Detail-oriented & organized
- Enjoy working in a structured environment

WHAT WOULD DISQUALIFY ME FROM EARNING or KEEPING a CDL?

- Felony charges & offenses.
- Operating a vehicle while intoxicated.
- Failure to stop & report an accident.
- Negligent operation of a commercial vehicle.
- Driving a commercial vehicle with a disqualified license.
- Refusal to take a sobriety test.

WHAT ARE "ENDORSEMENTS" AND DO I NEED THEM?

A **CDL endorsement** is something truck drivers can earn and apply to their CDL. The kind of endorsement(s) drivers can obtain is often based on what Class of CDL they carry. These endorsements allow drivers to operate different kinds of vehicles and haul specific types of freight. **EXAMPLES OF ENDORSEMENTS:**

- Hazardous Materials Endorsement (HAZMAT)
- School Bus/Passenger Endorsement
- Doubles/Triples Endorsement
- Tanker Endorsement

- Air Brake Endorsement

WHAT IS A "FED MED" CARD?

The State of Wisconsin requires all CDL drivers to have a valid DOT medical card, unless the type of commerce you drive qualifies as "Excepted". You must meet the Federal DOT medical certificate requirements, and you are required to submit your Fed Med card to the DMV and keep it updated.

WHAT DOES THE EXAM INCLUDE?

A DOT exam includes an evaluation of an employee's vision, blood pressure/pulse rate, and overall physical ability. It will also test for illegal drugs. If drivers take any medications, they'll need to bring a complete list to the exam, including the doses and doctor's information.

DISQUALIFYING CONDITIONS MAY ALSO INCLUDE:

Hearing deficits (those with hearing deficits must use a hearing assist device), Narcolepsy (a sleep disorder characterized by overwhelming daytime sleepiness), Uncontrolled hypertension (routinely above 140/90), Advanced liver or kidney disease.

NorthCentral FSET Employer Partners who hire for CDL Positions:

Badger State Fruit	Capstone Logistics	Counter-Form
County Materials	Furniture & ApplianceMart	Heartland Farms
Kalahari Resort	Karl's Transport (offers on-site CDL training)	Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling
Unifirst Uniform Services	Woodson YMCA	Worzalla Publishing

Average salary range in Wisconsin:

Salary depends on experience, and whether you are doing a local (home each night) route or doing long-haul over the road driving. **Many places offer a hiring bonus and overtime!**

For More Information Training as a CDL Driver in Wisconsin:

[CDL Training Manual](#)

[Roehl Transport CDL Truck Driving School](#)

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