

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER STEPS AND REQUIREMENTS

#1 VISIT A HEALTH CARE CENTER/PHYSICIAN TO GET A “DOT” PHYSICAL

Doctor's offices charge different fees depending on several factors, An applicant would have to contact the health care center/physician to get the official fee. Fee is paid by applicant.

#2 COMPLETE THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING CLASS

#3 VISIT YOUR LOCAL DMV TO TAKE THE REQUIRED COMPUTER EXAMS

- National School Bus Knowledge Test
- CDL General Knowledge Test
- CDL Air Brake Test
- CDL Passenger Test

An applicant has to receive a satisfactory score on all four tests to be issued a CDL Permit. If an unsatisfactory score is received, the applicant has to wait a day before he/she can retake that particular test. *For example: Jane Doe receives a satisfactory score on the CDL General Knowledge, National School Bus Knowledge Test, and CDL Passenger Test. Jane Doe receives an unsatisfactory score on the CDL Air Brake Test. In this instance, Jane Doe will have to wait a day and retake the CDL Air Brake Test ONLY. Since she already passed the other three tests, she only has to retake the one that she receives an unsatisfactory score.*

The SC Dept of Education usually issues a waiver to cover some of the fees involved in testing. The applicant usually pays a small portion (\$8 - \$12) for the permit testing. Fee is paid by applicant.

#4 COMPLETE BEHIND-THE-WHEEL TRAINING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS

The applicant will complete at least 10 hours of on-the-road training in a school bus. Training will consist of:

- learning the procedures for vehicle inspection (pre and post trip)
- learning basic control skills for backing, turn-about, and parallel parking
- learning road skills – driving on highways, interstates, and country roads
- physical performance assessment

This training prepares applicants for the DMV Skills Exam. Training provided by school district at no cost to applicant.

#5 SCHEDULE YOUR DMV SKILLS EXAM

We currently use North Augusta as our location for skills exams. Exactly 22 days after a person receives their CDL permit, the applicant is clear for DMV skills testing. This is the actual driving demonstration in front of a Department of Motor Vehicles employee in order to receive the CDL Driver's License. The exam and licensing fee is around (\$40- \$50). Fee is paid by applicant.