

Texas Department of Public Safety

NOTICE FOR ALL CDL APPLICANTS

New federal regulations will impact the Texas CDL Program. CDL skills tests will be administered throughout the state of Texas at 25 designated locations effective July 1, 2016.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has enacted rules requiring all states to begin testing commercial driver license (CDL) applicants using a single national testing standard. Texas will convert to the new testing standard effective October 2016. The CDL Drivers Handbook dated June 2014 reflects this change. Phasing out CDL **skills** testing at various locations will occur prior to this, in order to support the July 1 date.

In order for Texas to adopt this national testing standard, and continue issuing CDLs to its residents, it has become necessary to consolidate CDL skills testing to 25 locations statewide by July 1, 2016. These locations will be capable of administering skills tests using these new federal standards.

Except for skills testing, all CDL holders will still be able to conduct their normal CDL business at any driver license office throughout the state.

This change only affects skills tests for:

- Original CDL applicants
- Upgrading to a higher class of CDL
- Adding Passenger Endorsements
- Adding School Bus Endorsements

