

CLASS A CDL PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program prepares municipal employees to take and pass the state Commercial Driver's License Class A written examination and road test. The program will be conducted by the New England Tractor Trailer Training School (NETTTS) at any of its three campuses. **There is maximum of 16 participants per location per month.**

Educational Objectives - To offer an individual with very limited or no experience a training program that prepares a graduate to take and pass the state Commercial Driver's License examination. Successful graduates of this program can obtain employment as an entry level commercial driver. Graduates of this program may require additional employer provided training.

Length of Program - Students normally complete the training program in eight weeks attending weekdays or weekends for 20 hours per week. Classes begin every two weeks.

Module 1 (40 hours) – Training activities in this section of the program are designed to develop the student's ability to drive commercial vehicles safely. The students will receive an in-depth explanation to the trucking industry. Students will learn general knowledge and air brakes systems and combination vehicles in preparation for their CDL Class A permit. Included in this preparation are safety practices such as: observation of following distances, vehicle speed, weather conditions and driving strategies, as well as, preventative maintenance requirements for commercial vehicles. Students will be introduced to basic log book entries and 49 CFR, entry level driver training requirements.

Module 2 (120 hours) – Included in this section are various observation and performing maneuvers the student will need to master to pass the state road test, such as: straight backing, alley docking, parallel sight side and blind side backing maneuvers. The student will continue by observation and practice maneuvering a commercial vehicle on city streets, highways, and rural roads. Additionally, the students will perform and perfect their ability in pre-trip inspection techniques, and maneuvering a commercial vehicle through the required backing maneuvers. The student will drive the vehicle on city streets, rural roads, and highways.

Lab hours include hands-on or observation

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Municipal employees who want to obtain a Class A Commercial Driver's License.

CLASS TIMES:

Classes are offered Monday through Friday 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM or Saturday and Sunday 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM. New programs begin every 2 weeks.

LOCATIONS:

32 Field Road, Somers, CT 06071
1600 Osgood Street, #1570, North Andover, MA 01845
600 Moshassuck Industrial Highway, Pawtucket, RI 02860

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$3,995.00 Tuition (Paid to NETTTS)

\$55.00 DOT physical (Paid to NETTTS)

\$38.00 Drug Test (Paid to NETTTS)

\$50 Permit Fee (paid to DMV)

\$125 Road Test Fee (Paid to NETTTS)

(DOT physical and drug test are non-refundable)

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Registration is only open to current municipal employees. Municipal employees wishing to obtain their CDL-A license should:

1. Register online and submit payment – Register for the CDL-A workshop on the UMTC/Baystate Roads website (umasstransportationcenter.org). Registrant will receive a registration confirmation, including links to a printable invoice for \$3,995 - due directly to NETTTS.

2. Once registered, a **NETTTS representative will contact the student** to set up an initial screening interview to ascertain that there are no barriers to obtaining this license. Typical CDL training barriers include a poor driving record (i.e. DUI) or failing a drug test. The employee should arrive at the interview with a check for \$93 made out to NETTTS. The interview, DOT physical, and drug test will take place at the same time, at the agreed upon NETTTS site.

If the participant is NOT eligible for this program after the initial screening interview:

- The \$3,995 tuition payment **will be refunded**
- The \$93 DOT physical and drug test is **not refundable**

3. Once initial interview is passed and tuition is paid in full, the **NETTTS representative will schedule the student** for the appropriate classes with a timetable agreeable to the employee and supervisor.

4. Student will pay \$50 directly to DMV when they take the permit exam at DMV.

5. Once student is ready to take their road test, Student will pay \$125 to NETTTS who will make arrangements for the road test.



This Baystate Roads (LTAP) program is a cooperative effort of the Federal Highway Administration, Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the University of Massachusetts Transportation Center and the New England Tractor Trailer Training School (NETTTS).

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