

Exceptions

General Applicability Exceptions 49 CFR §390.3(f)(2). Unless otherwise specifically provided, the rules of this subchapter (49 CFR Subchapter B) do **not** apply to transportation performed by the Federal Government. The government exception does **not** apply to motor carriers (contractors) doing business with the government.

Depending upon the size of the vehicle, government fleets may be subject to these regulations:

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL),
- drug and alcohol testing, and
- vehicle size and weight.

Size and Weight.

Size and weight regulations are enforced by State and local jurisdictions.

Commercial Driver's License

Class A CDL. A Class A CDL is required for any vehicle pulling a trailer with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or more, and having a gross combination weight rating (truck plus trailer) over 26,000 lbs.

Class B CDL. A single-unit vehicle that is over 26,000 pounds GVWR.

- For a passenger endorsement, the skill test must be passed in a bus with a GVWR greater than 26,000 pounds and a passenger capacity of more than 15, including the driver.
- For a school bus endorsement, the skill test must be passed in a school bus with a GVWR greater than 26,000 pounds and a passenger capacity of more than 15, including the driver.

Class C CDL. A single-unit vehicle, 26,000 pounds GVWR **or less**, with one or more of the following endorsements:

- Hazardous materials
- Passenger School bus (with passenger endorsement)

Minnesota law defines gross vehicle weight (GVW) as the greater of:

- The actual weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles plus the weight of the load, or
- The manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVW)

The Federal Regulations allow states to waive the CDL requirements for firefighters.

Drug and Alcohol

All drivers required to have a CDL must be in a drug and alcohol testing program. Drug and alcohol testing must be compliant with 49 CFR Parts 382 and 40.