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Executive Action Allows States to Modify CDL Test for School Bus Drivers

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) in conjunction with the United States Department of Education (DOE) [announced](#) that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will be providing states with the option of waiving the portion of the commercial driver's license (CDL) skills test that requires school bus applicants to identify engine compartment vehicle components. All other components of the written and road tests will remain.

The joint executive action aims to alleviate some of the labor shortage challenges schools are facing in transporting students and is accommodated by a [federal waiver](#) issued by FMCSA. Drivers receiving a CDL under this temporary waiver are permitted to operate intrastate school buses only, they are not authorized to operate trucks, motor coaches, or any other type of commercial motor vehicle requiring a CDL.

The FMCSA waiver, which became effective January 3, 2022, expires **March 31, 2022**.

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