TIPS FOR GETTING YOUR LICENSE FAST!

IMPORTANT LINKS

Rhode Island DMV: http://dri.vg/qfd

DMV CDL Information: http://dri.vg/096

DMV Appointments: http://dri.vg/go3

Driver License Office Locations: http://dri.vg/vAm

Fees: http://dri.vg/UpP

DMV REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Valid Driver's License

Medical Certificate: http://dri.vg/kZi

Proof of Identity Documents: http://dri.vg/IXc

TESTS YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE

General Knowledge
Air Brakes (if applicable)
Pre-Trip Inspection
Basic Skills
CDL Road Test
Vision Exam

Applicable exams for desired endorsements:

- Hazardous Materials
- Tank Vehicles
- Passengers
- School Bus
- Double/Triple Trailers

Practice exam available online at: www.TestQuestionsAndAnswers.com

DMV CHEATS and TIPS!

RHODE ISLAND CDL TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS SAFELY CHEAT SHEET

- 1. Bus collisions most often happen:
 - At intersections.
 - 4 Common Accidents
- 2. At railroad crossings, you do not have to stop, but must slow down and carefully check for other vehicles:
 - At streetcar crossings.
 - Where a policeman or flagman is directing traffic.
 - If a traffic signal is green.
 - At crossings marked as "exempt" or "abandoned."
 - 4 Railroad-highway Crossings Stops
- 3. In good weather, the posted speed on banked curves is:
 - Safe for cars but it may be too high for many buses.
 - 4 Speed on Curves
- 4. There should be nothing in the aisle that:
 - Might trip other riders.
 - 4 Loading and Trip Start

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5. If your bus is disabled:

- Do not tow or push a disabled bus with riders aboard the vehicle, unless getting off would be unsafe.
- Only tow or push the bus to the nearest safe spot to discharge passengers.
- 4 Prohibited Practices
- 6. Ensure your bus has the following emergency equipment required by law:
 - Fire extinguisher.
 - Emergency reflectors.
 - 4 Roof Hatches

7. No rider may stand:

- Forward of the rear of the driver's seat.
- 4 Standee Line
- 8. Watch for diamond shaped labels and do not transport any hazardous material unless:
 - You are sure the rules allow it.
 - 4 Hazardous Materials

9. Buses must never carry:

- Division 2.3 poison gas, liquid Class 6 poison, tear gas, irritating material.
- More than 100 pounds of solid Class 6 poisons.
- Explosives in the space occupied by people, except small arms ammunition.
- Labeled radioactive materials in the space occupied by people.
- More than 500 pounds total of allowed hazardous materials, and no more than 100 pounds of any one class.
- 4 Forbidden Hazardous Materials

10. If the aisle is on a lower level than the seats:

- Remind riders of the step-down.
- It is best to tell them before coming to a complete stop.
- 4 At Your Destination

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- 11. When inspecting the interior of the bus, the following parts of your bus must be in safe working condition:
 - Each handhold and railing.
 - Floor covering.
 - Signaling devices, including the restroom emergency buzzer, if the bus has a restroom.
 - Emergency exit handles.
 - 4 Inspecting Bus Interior

12. At railroad crossings:

- Stop your bus between 15 and 50 feet before railroad crossings.
- Listen and look in both directions for trains. You should open your forward door if it improves your ability to see or hear an approaching train.
- Before crossing after a train has passed, make sure there isn't another train coming in the other direction on other tracks.
- If your bus has a manual transmission, never change gears while crossing the tracks.
- 4 Railroad-highway Crossings Stops
- 13. When conducting a vehicle safety inspection, you should only sign the previous driver's report if:
 - Defects reported earlier have been certified as repaired or not needed to be repaired.

Vehicle Inspection

- 14. If your speed is too high on a curve:
 - With good traction, the bus may roll over.
 - With poor traction, it might slide off the curve.
 - 4 Speed on Curves
- 15. Materials that are hazardous can be identified using the:
 - Federal Hazardous Materials Table.
 - 4 Hazardous Materials
- 16. To prevent possible injury to passengers:
 - Wait for them to sit down or brace themselves before starting.
 - Starting and stopping should be as smooth as possible.

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4 - At Stops

17. If they get off the bus, remind riders to:

- Take carry-ons with them.
- 4 At Your Destination

18. Make sure these things are in good working order before driving:

- Service brakes, including air hose couplings (if your bus has a trailer or semitrailer).
- Parking brake.
- Steering mechanism.
- Lights and reflectors.
- Tires (front wheels must not have recapped or regrooved tires).
- Horn.
- Windshield wiper or wipers.
- Rear-vision mirror or mirrors.
- Coupling devices (if present).
- Wheels and rims.
- Emergency equipment.
- 4 Inspecting Vehicle Systems

19. There are ______ different four-inch, diamond-shaped hazard labels.

- Nine
- 4 Hazardous Materials

20. To prevent theft or vandalism of the bus:

- Charter bus drivers should not allow riders on the bus until departure time.
- 4 At Your Destination

21. When arriving at the destination or intermediate stops announce:

- The location.
- Reason for stopping.
- Next departure time.
- Bus number.

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4 - At Your Destination

- 22. Before the trip begins, mention rules about:
 - Smoking.
 - Drinking.
 - Use of radio and tape players.
 - 4 On the Road Passenger Supervision
- 23. When scanning the interior of the bus, you may have to:
 - Remind riders about rules, or to keep arms and heads inside the bus.
 - 4 On the Road Passenger Supervision
- 24. When approaching a drawbridge, you do not need to stop, but must slow down and make sure it's safe, when:
 - There is a traffic light showing green.
 - The bridge has an attendant or traffic officer who controls traffic whenever the bridge opens.
 - 4 Drawbridges
- 25. Urban mass transit coaches may have a:
 - Brake and accelerator interlock system.
 - 4 Use of Brake-door Interlocks
- 26. Do not allow riders to leave carry-on baggage in:
 - A doorway or aisle.
 - 4 Loading and Trip Start
- 27. If you must discharge a drunk or disruptive rider:
 - Don't discharge such riders where it would be unsafe.
 - It may be safer at the next scheduled stop or a well-lighted area where there are other people.

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- 28. The brake and accelerator interlock system:
 - Applies the brakes and holds the throttle in idle position when the rear door is open.
 - 4 Use of Brake-door Interlocks
- 29. Hazardous materials can pose a risk to:
 - Health, safety, and property during transportation.
 - 4 Hazardous Materials
- 30. Never drive with an:
 - Open emergency exit door or window.
 - 4 Inspecting Bus Interior
- 31. While driving, scan the:
 - Interior of your bus.
 - Road ahead.
 - Sides.
 - Rear.
 - 4 On the Road Passenger Supervision
- 32. Do not allow riders to carry on common hazards such as:
 - Car batteries or gasoline.
 - 4 Forbidden Hazardous Materials
- 33. If you work for an interstate carrier, you must complete a written inspection report for:
 - Each bus driven.
 - 4 After-trip Vehicle Inspection
- 34. At night or any other time you use your outside lights, you must turn on the:
 - Red emergency door light.

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- Name.
- Identification number.
- Hazard label.
- 4 Hazardous Materials

36. When approaching curves:

- Reduce your speed.
- 4 Speed on Curves

37. Some hazardous materials that buses may carry include:

- Small-arms ammunition labeled ORM-D.
- Emergency hospital supplies and drugs.
- 4 Forbidden Hazardous Materials

38. Do not use the brake and accelerator interlock system:

- In place of the parking brake.
- 4 Use of Brake-door Interlocks

39. A two inch line on the floor showing riders where they cannot stand is called the:

- Standee line All standing riders must stay behind it.
- 4 Standee Line

40. When inspecting the interior of the bus, ensure that:

- The "Emergency Exit" sign on an emergency door is clearly visible.
- The red emergency door light works.
- 4 Inspecting Bus Interior

41. If a drawbridge does not have a signal light or traffic control attendant, you must:

• Stop at least 50 feet before the draw of the bridge.

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- Look to make sure the draw is completely closed before crossing.
- 4 Drawbridges
- 42. You must stop at drawbridges that do not have:
 - A signal light or traffic control attendant.
 - 4 Drawbridges

43. If your bus has emergency roof hatches:

- You may lock some emergency roof hatches in a partly open position for fresh air.
- Do not leave them open as a regular practice.
- Keep in mind the bus's higher clearance while driving with them open.
- 4 Roof Hatches
- 44. Bus drivers must have a commercial driver license if they drive a vehicle designed to seat more than:
 - 16 or more persons, including the driver.
 - 4 Transporting Passengers Safely
- 45. The after trip vehicle inspection must:
 - Specify each bus.
 - List any defect that would affect safety or result in a breakdown.
 - Specify if there are no defects.
 - 4 After-trip Vehicle Inspection
- 46. When pulling out from a stop and merging with other traffic:
 - Wait for the gap to open before leaving the stop.
 - Never assume other drivers will brake to give you room when you signal or start to pull out.
 - 4 Common Accidents
- 47. Secure baggage and freight in ways that avoid damage and:
 - Allow the driver to move freely and easily.
 - Allow riders to exit by any window or door in an emergency.

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- Protect riders from injury if carry-ons fall or shift.
- 4 Loading and Trip Start

48. During the after trip inspection, mass transit drivers should make sure the following devices are working properly:

- Passenger signaling devices.
- Brake door interlocks.
- 4 After-trip Vehicle Inspection

49. Buses designed to allow standing must have a:

- Two-inch line on the floor or some other means of showing riders where they cannot stand.
- 4 Standee Line