



Class A vs. Class B vs. Class C CDL

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Understand the key differences between CDL license types before you start your training.

	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
VEHICLE TYPE	Combination vehicles (<i>tractor + trailer</i>)	Single vehicles (<i>no trailer or light trailer</i>)	Small vehicles for passengers or hazmat
WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS	26,001+ lbs and towing over 10,000 lbs	26,001+ lbs and towing under 10,000 lbs	Below 26,001 lbs , carries 16+ passengers or hazmat
COMMON VEHICLES	• Tractor-trailers • Flatbeds • Tankers • Livestock haulers	• Straight trucks • Dump trucks • Cement mixers • Buses	• Passenger vans • Small hazmat trucks • Local delivery vans
TYPICAL JOBS	• Long-haul trucking • Freight transport	• Local delivery • Construction, • Waste management	• Passenger transport • Hazmat delivery
ENDORSEMENTS	• H - HazMat • N - Tanker • T - Double/Triple	• P - Passengers • S - School Bus • H - HazMat	• P - Passengers • H - HazMat • S - School Bus
TRAVEL RANGE	Local, regional, or nationwide	Local to regional	Local routes
LICENSE FLEXIBILITY	Can drive A, B, and C some vehicles with proper endorsements	Can drive B and some C vehicles with proper endorsements	Most limited

