QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Mandatory Entry-Level Training for

Commercial Class A Truck Drivers

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# Automatic vs Manual Transmission

1. **Will the transmission type used at time of the applicant’s Class A road test be recorded?**

Yes, the transmission type used for the Class A road test will be recorded on the applicant’s driver record as part of the road test results. The driver’s abstract will also indicate if the road test was taken in a vehicle with an automatic or manual transmission for all full Class A passed road tests.

# Reciprocity

1. **Will drivers licensed in other Canadian jurisdictions who are applying for an Ontario Class A licence be required to complete mandatory entry-level training?**

Drivers with 24 months driving experience in a licence class equivalent to Class A will be issued a Class A licence.

Drivers with 12-24 months driving experience in a licence class equivalent to Class A will be issued a Class D licence, if applicable, with one year to complete mandatory entry-level training or the Class A knowledge and road test.

Drivers with less than 12 months driving experience in a licence class equivalent to Class A will be issued a Class D licence, if applicable, and must complete mandatory entry-level training and the Class A knowledge and road test.

1. **Will drivers from out-of-country jurisdictions who are applying for an Ontario Class A licence be required to complete mandatory entry-level training?**

Yes, drivers who hold a licence equivalent to Class A who wish to exchange it for an Ontario Class A licence or new applicants for a Class A licence will be required to complete mandatory entry-level training.

# Instructor Qualifications

1. **Are instructors delivering mandatory entry-level training required to meet specific qualifications?**

Yes, at minimum, instructors delivering mandatory entry-level training must have:

* A valid Class A driver’s licence
* Five years’ experience with Class A driver’s licence
* No more than three (3) demerit points on their driver’s licence – drivers who accumulate four (4) or more demerit points are not eligible to deliver mandatory entry-level training

Instructor qualifications will be audited using a driver abstract on application and on a yearly basis thereafter.

Qualification for existing training providers will continue to apply.

# Vehicle Configuration

1. **What is the vehicle configuration that must be used during mandatory entry-level training?**

Mandatory entry-level training must be completed using a tractor trailer with the following configuration:

* Trailer with a Manufacturer’s Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (MGVWR) of at least 4,600 kg
* Full air brake system on both tractor and trailer
* Minimum tandem axle tractor and a tandem axle trailer
* 5th wheel coupling device
* Single trailer with a minimum length of 45 feet and a minimum distance of 35 feet measured from the kingpin to the centre of each rear bogie

1. **What is the vehicle configuration that must be used during the Class A road test?**

For road test purposes the vehicle must meet the following requirements of a full Class A vehicle:

* Any combination of truck/tractor and trailer with a Manufacturer’s Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (MGVWR) of at least 4600 kg
* A full air brake system on both the truck/ tractor and trailer

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# Road Test Exemptions

1. **What steps has the ministry taken to address DriveTest Centres (DTC) with infrastructure limitations (i.e. no access to expressway)?**

MTO has established mandatory maneuvers that must be completed during the road test.

If a DTC is unable to incorporate a mandatory maneuver they must replace that maneuver with an alternate maneuver that demands the same basic driving skills as the original mandatory maneuver.

If the DTC is unable to incorporate the alternate maneuver, they must substitute the mandatory maneuver with either a left or right turn as turns require a high level of skill to complete, requires a fair amount of time and are linked to a higher rate of collisions.

If a left or right turn is used in place of the expressway maneuver, the DTC must make all efforts to drive on a road with the highest speed limit available.

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| **Mandatory Maneuver** | **Alternate** | **Substitute** |
| Expressway:   * Entering (merge on) * Driving Along * Exiting (merge off) | Expressway alternates:   * Entering - Lane change to the left * Driving Along - Highway section with a posted speed limit of at least 80 km/h * Exiting - Lane change to the right | 1 left or 1 right turn |
| Lane Change | Lane change alternates   * Lane ending or widening with a forced lane change or merge, or * Entering a left or right turning lane, providing the turn is not a markable turn | 1 left or 1 right turn |

# Transition

1. **What happens if applicant books their road test before July 1, 2017, but is scheduled for after July 1, 2017?**

Applicant will be required to complete mandatory entry-level training prior to attempting their Class A road test.

1. **What happens if applicant fails their road test before July 1, 2017, books a subsequent road test before July 1, 2017, and their road test is scheduled for after July 1, 2017?**

Applicant will be required to complete mandatory entry-level training prior to attempting their Class A road test.

1. **What happens if applicant books a road test before July 1, 2017, and their road test is scheduled for after July 1, 2017, and beyond Serco DES’ 42 day booking requirement?**

Applicant will be required to complete mandatory entry-level training prior to attempting their Class A road test.

1. **When will Private Career Colleges (PCC) begin delivering mandatory entry-level training?**

As of April 1, 2017, all approved PCC will begin delivering mandatory entry-level training using the Ministry of Transportation’s new provincial training standard – *Commercial Truck Driver Training Standard (Class A).*