

EMPLOYER TESTING PROGRAM COMMERCIAL DPE MANEUVER CHECKLIST

FOR DMV USE ONLY	
EMPLOYER NUMBER	DATE
TYPE OF ROUTE	
DMV APPROVED ROUTE NUMBER	

EMPLOYER NAME

ROUTE LOCATION

Instructions: Develop and document the route used for the road test portion of the drive test. Use this maneuver checklist as a tool to ensure that all 24 route elements have been included in the route.

After carefully planning and documenting the route, if a route element is missing, review your geographic area to ensure that the element was not overlooked. All route elements must be present for DMV route approval.

ELEMENT	CRITERIA	MANEUVER	#	LOCATION	COMMENTS
Turns	Each route must have four left and four right turns. The turns must include at traffic lights, stop signs, and uncontrolled intersections. If possible, include turns with multiple approach lanes, and/or turns with a single approach lane when turning onto a street with multiple lanes.	Left Turn - Stop Sign			
		Left Turn - Traffic Control			
		Left Turn - Uncontrolled			
		Left Turn - Miscellaneous			
		Right Turn - Stop Sign			
		Right Turn - Traffic Control			
		Right Turn - Uncontrolled			
		Right Turn - Miscellaneous			
Intersections	Each route must have two through intersection and two intersections where a stop has to be made (a stop sign is preferred). These intersections should not be included in the urban section. Ensure that one of the stop intersections is not controlled by traffic lights.	Stop Sign			
		Stop Sign/Traffic Signal			
		Through			
		Through			
Expressway/ Highway	Each route should have an expressway or highway segment. If there is no expressway, freeway, etc., then use a highway with a speed limit of at least 45 mph. If using a highway section, it should be a two or four lane highway that is at least two miles long. (In general, look for an area of highway that provides higher speed driving challenges similar to those found on an expressway).	Expressway/Highway			

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Urban	Each route must contain an urban section that is at least two miles long. It should contain through intersections and intersections with traffic lights. It should have moderate traffic density.	Urban			
Roadside Stop/Start	The section of the road selected for this maneuver must allow the driver to pull the vehicle safely over and stop out of the normal flow of traffic. Be sure to select a location where commercial vehicles can safely exit and enter the roadway.	Roadside Stop/Start			
Lane Changes	Each route must include two lane changes maneuvers. Each maneuver should include a lane change to the left and to the right. The lane change maneuvers can be conducted during any portion of the road test. The locations should be suitable for conducting lane changes and allow enough time for the driver to complete each lane change. The lane change maneuvers may be conducted during the expressway/highway, or urban driving sections provided a sufficient amount of driving distance is available.	Left			
		Right			
		Left			
		Right			
Curves	Each route must include 1 left and 1 right curve. The curves should be tight enough to produce noticeable off tracking on a truck/tractor trailer. The curves should have clearly marked driving lanes. In many cases, a highway on-ramp or exit ramp can be used as a curve.	Left			
		Right			

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Railroad Crossing	Each route must include a railroad crossing (controlled or uncontrolled). Note: If there is no railroad crossing in the testing area, include a simulated railroad crossing.	Railroad Crossing			
Simulated Railroad Crossing (if applicable)	If there is no railroad crossing in the testing area, find a lightly traveled street or road that contains a landmark, which the examiner will point out to the CDL applicant. The landmark can be an intersection, an entrance to the road, or a road sign or billboard. The examiner will tell the driver to pretend that there is a railroad crossing at that point.	Railroad Crossing			
Truck/bus Signs	Each route must have 2 signs that require the driver to observe vehicle height and/or weight restrictions. If you cannot find an overpass or bridge with posted limits, use ones that do not have posted limits. If you cannot find any low clearances or bridges, look for places or situations where there are signs that a heavy vehicle driver should see. Examples would be signing for "No Commercial Vehicles After 11:00 p.m." or "Bridge with 10 Ton Weight Limit in 5 Miles."	Sign #1			
		Sign #2			