

Boone County Truck Driving Academy

2020

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A. Description

This course involves a careful examination of the safe and efficient operation of commercial motor vehicles. Emphases are on safety, proficiency, and adherence to laws as set forth by the Federal Motor-Carriers Safety Regulations (FMCSR). Students will have a mixture of both classroom and hands on training in various types of commercial motor vehicles. Students will be instructed in log book procedures, hours of service, vehicle inspections, trip planning, map reading, drop and hook procedures, backing exercises, and driving safely on a variety of road types and conditions.

B. Organization

This course will have 40 hours of classroom instruction and preparation for the state required CDL Examination. While in the classroom, students will also learn map reading and trip planning, log book maintenance and hours of service, load distribution and re-distribution.

C. Course Objectives

1. To prepare each student to successfully pass the WV CDL Exam.
2. To introduce the student to basic trip planning skills.
3. To introduce the student to both basic and advanced map reading skills.
4. To introduce students to hours of service laws and log book maintenance as set forth by the FMCSR.
5. To instruct the student to do a proper vehicle pre-trip inspection
6. To instruct the student in safe backing practices, to include:

- a. Straight line backing.
 - b. Off-Set backing left and right.
 - c. Parallel parking left and right
 - d. 90-degree alley docking.
7. To introduce the students to safe and courteous city, country, and mountain driving procedures.

D. Course Qualifications

1. Drivers must be 18 years old and have two years of licensed driving experience.
2. Must have less than six points against driving record.
3. No D.U.I. in the last 2 years.
4. No felony convictions for any type of sexual assault.

E. Text and Required Supplies

1. **WV CDL Manual**
2. **Calculator**

F. Grading Plan

Coursework will be weighted as follows:

1. Classroom Quizzes and exercises—25%
2. Pre-Trip Inspection—25%
3. Basic maneuvering skills—25%
4. Final Road Test—25%

Quizzes:

There will be multiple quizzes taken throughout the course. Quizzes will relate to current and previous topics. A quiz may be given at any time during any class period. There will be no make-up quizzes. Quizzes will be given only to those students who are present when the quizzes are passed out.

Final Exam:

The final exam will consist of a three-part test for the state examiner to consist of a point and say Pre-Trip Inspection with ten step air brake test, a skills test to show competency in backing maneuvers, and a thirty-three-mile road test.