



# Michigan Laborers' Training and Apprenticeship Institute

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## Steps for obtaining Class A CDL Permit

*Steps and advice below are from both state requirements and experience of sending hundreds of applicants to test. Students will have to schedule test times online through S.O.S:*

[https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-5647\\_15036\\_83621\\_83648---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-5647_15036_83621_83648---,00.html)

Applicants will need have the following documents in hand **BEFORE** taking tests at the Secretary of State:

- 1) **Current Drivers License** (applicants may need to check on eligibility for CDL pending suspended licenses)
- 2) **An Original Birth Certificate** (No copies allowed. A current US passport or card will work, see other options below if needed)
- 3) **Social Security number** (Social Security card, payroll check stub, W-2 Form, either must contain full social security number no "x"ed out numbers.
- 4) **DOT Physical** (Must be obtained from a medical examiner listed on the FMCSA National Registry.

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/national-registry-certified-medical-examiners-search>

## Written Exams:

There are **3 written Exams** that must be passed in order to obtain a useful CDL A and work with MLTAI.

- 1) **General Knowledge**
- 2) **Air Brakes**
- 3) **Combination Vehicle**
- 4) Tanker (optional: for those who needed it, water trucks, tack trucks, etc.)
- 5) Doubles/triples (optional: for those who need it and for those who test on a fifth wheel hitch)

## **Suggested practice sites, app and manual:**

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/cdlmanul\\_16090\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/cdlmanul_16090_7.pdf)

DMV Genie app  
Cdltest.co

**Note: Anyone with past Drivers License Problems should check the Michigan CDL Manual link above for possible areas disqualifying them from obtaining a CDL permit.**