

# CDL Requirements and Exemptions

*You may be exempt from some of the Commercial Drivers License regulations*

Although you may need to get a Commercial Drivers License (CDL), you may be able to enjoy a few exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Regulations. It is **NOT** a requirement to have a D.O.T. physical to obtain a CDL license, however, anyone operating a vehicle over 10,000 lbs. in either INTRA or INTERSTATE commerce must have had a physical and carry the proper D.O.T. certification with them. This would also include anyone carrying **ANY** placardable amount of hazardous material or any vehicle carrying 16 or more passengers including the driver.

Individuals who are state or municipal employees, however, are exempt from having a physical provided they only use their CDL for work with their state or municipal employer -- but be cautioned, if you are doing any private contracting or if you are "moonlighting" on the side you must have your physical card with you during those times.

Commercial drivers licensees who carry a placardable amount of hazardous material are required to hold the HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENDORSEMENT on their CDL license. Again, municipal drivers are exempt from this requirement as long as the vehicle they are driving is **NOT** required to be placarded.

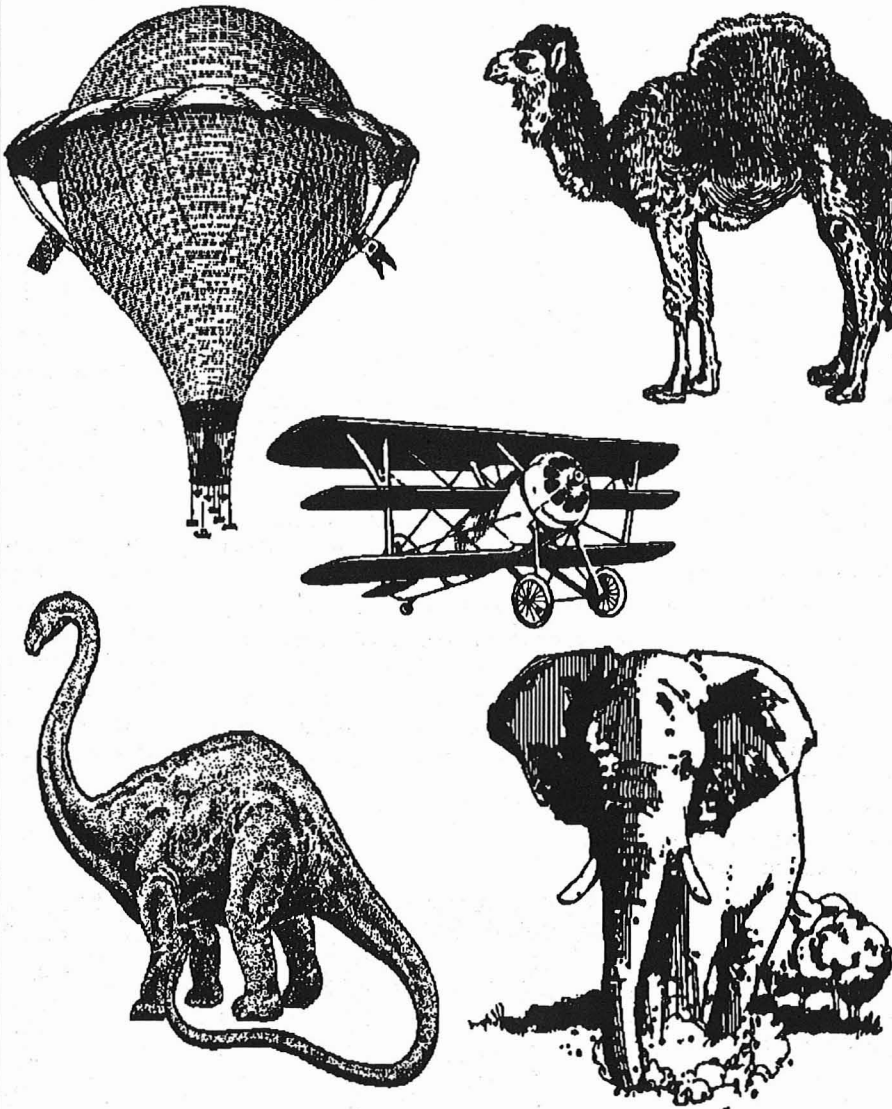
Should you have any questions about the CDL requirements you can get more information by calling the appropriate authority. Make your first call to the Division of Motor Vehicles in

Concord: 271-2371. Follow the directions they give you over the phone (some patients may be required). They have a special recording just for CDL applicants that

includes answers for most questions that arise. Should you need further assistance your best bet is Winn Hayes, CDL Coordinator: 271-2490. Winn is the best authority in the state on CDL. He is extremely thorough. I found him eager to help with my questions and very prompt. We're lucky to have someone like Winn to help clear up potential CDL confusion.

sending \$1.00 (one dollar) and a self addressed stamped envelope to: JMJ Transportation Technical Services, Rte 1, Box 339, Franklin, NH 03235. Remember, if you are using your CDL hire, in INTRA or INTERSTATE commerce, you will need your D.O.T. card (unless your business comes under the exemptions of Part 390.3 (3) (f) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations.

## Chances Are... If You're Not Driving One of These For Your Town You Probably Need A CDL



**Quick Note:** The Technology Transfer Center can provide you with a video tape to help you or your employees pass the CDL test. If you would like a copy of this tape please call our office at 1-800-423-0060 or send in your request using the flyer provided for you in this newsletter. The tape covers the entire CDL manual in detail. The cost for the tape is \$16.50, however, if you choose to borrow the tape we will loan it to you for two weeks at no cost. No one has sent the tape back to us in

Those of you who are going to need a physical card can get the appropriate paper from the New Hampshire Motor Carrier Association by calling 224-7337 or by

disappointment so we think you'll find it fits the bill. ●