

# DRIVER LICENSE DIVISION COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE

THIRD PARTY SKILLS TESTING




# REGION ONE ESC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE


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# TOPICS OF DISCUSSION


- ✓ CDL Third Party Skills Testing Program
  - ✓ History/Background
  - ✓ Numbers
  - ✓ Additional Information
  - ✓ Application Process
  - ✓ Route Certification
  - ✓ Examiners
  - ✓ Examiner Checklist
  - ✓ Designated Responsible Person
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  - ✓ Vehicle Inspection Test
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# CDL THIRD PARTY SKILLS TESTING PROGRAM

- ✓ Authorizes qualified companies to supervisor examiners in conducting the federal driving skills exams for Commercial Driver License applicants.
  - ✓ Third party testers are essential in reducing the wait times in the state of Texas to obtain a CDL.
  - ✓ Allows the ISD's to monitor their workforce needs more closely.
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# HISTORY/BACKGROUND

FMCSA 383.75	Third Party Testing program
August 2016	DPS proposed changes to Texas Admin Code that would allow TPST in Texas
January 2017	Proposed changes passed Public Safety Commission
April 3, 2017	DLD launched the Texas CDL TPST Program



# CURRENT NUMBERS

DPS Skills Test Sites		25
DPS Mobile Units		9
Certified Commercial Examiners		331
CDL TPST Providers		12
CDL TPST Examiners		25
April 2017	DPS Administered	7281 (Approx. 2500)
	TPST Administered	267 (Approx. 89)

# THIRD PARTY SKILLS TESTING PROGRAM



<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/cdlTPST.htm>

## Additional Information

- Available on the TX DPS website
- MOU
- Applications Process
- Contact Information

## Application Process

- Review Memorandum of Understanding
  - Texas Commercial Driver License
  - Third-party Skills Testing Authority
  - CDL-21
- CDL Agreement
  - CDL-20





# Application Process-Qualifications

- **Texas CDL Third Party Skills Testing Provider Application**
  - **Continual operation 365 days**
  - **Outstanding fees to Texas Comptrollers of Public Accounts**
  - **Own/Lease a vehicle with current inspection/registrations**
  - **Public phone number**
  - **Basis Control skills pad**
  - **Skills test route**
  - **Conduct 20 skills test s year**
  - **Designated Responsible Person**

# Application Process-Qualifications

## ➤ Checklist

- \$25,000 surety bond for each examiner
- \$100,000 general business liability
- \$100,000 bodily injury and property damage liability insurance coverage

➤ Government Entity are Exempt

# TEXAS CDL THIRD PARTY SKILLS TESTING ROUTE CERTIFICATION

- One required certified testing route
- One required certified alternate testing route
  
- Overhead satellite image
- Street view map detailing the route
- List of maneuvers
- CDL-17
  
- Skills routes are approved by DLD Assistant Managers

# Examiner Process

- Texas CDL Third Party Examiner Application
  - Examiner
  - Designated Responsible Person
  - CDL-15



# Examiner/Designated Responsible Person Application

- Approved Providers Only
  - Required to hold a valid CDL
  - 21 years of age
  - Domiciled in Texas
  - Not employed for DPS within the last 365 days
  - Clean driving history (3 years)
  - No felony conviction within 10 years
  - Convicted of an offense involving a fraudulent activity
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- Must successfully complete the CDL examiner's training course
  - Federal background check is required
    - Uenroll.identigo.com      Service Code 11HJ4S



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### Examiner Checklist

- Submit and approval of the examiner application
  - Initiate a federal background check
  - Provide a certified abstract driver record
  - Complete the CDL Examiner's training
    - Complete the CDL check-ride exam

# FUTURE TRAINING PLANS 16 EXAMINERS



# CDL TPST WEBSITE INFORMATION

Federal Background Check

<https://uenroll.identogo.com>    Service Code 11HJ4S

Request 3 year Driver Abstract


<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/driverrecords.htm>

For more CDL TPST Information

<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/cdlTPST.htm>



# FAQS

- ✓ Is there any fees to participate in TPST Program?
  - ✓ Can a TPST company/school have more than one Designated Responsible Party-DRP?
  - ✓ Can a TPST CDL examiner administer skills testing to all class of licensed drivers?
  - ✓ May the CDL knowledge test be administered by a third party?
  - ✓ Do CDL TPST skills test transfer entities?
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**COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE  
THIRD PARTY SKILLS TESTING PROGRAM  
PROGRAM REVIEW**

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Questions?

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# FEDERAL STANDARDIZED TESTING

## VEHICLE INSPECTION TEST

### SECTION 11

Identify and Explain Safety-Related Vehicle Parts

- Engine Compartment
  - Cab/Engine Start
    - Steering
    - Suspension
    - Brakes
    - Wheels
  - Side of Vehicle
  - Rear of Vehicle
  - Special Features



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