

ATTACHMENT C  
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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

CDL Guidelines  
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GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING  
DRIVER'S LICENSE CLASS 4  
And  
COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL)  
REQUIREMENTS

**AGE REQUIREMENT:**

In order to obtain a Class 4 or Commercial Driver's License, persons must be at least 21 years of age.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE CLASS 4:**

1. Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 18,001 - 26,000 pounds; or
2. Any combination of vehicles where the lead vehicle GVWR is 18,001 - 26,000 pounds and the combined GVWR is 26,000 pounds or less.

**COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE:**

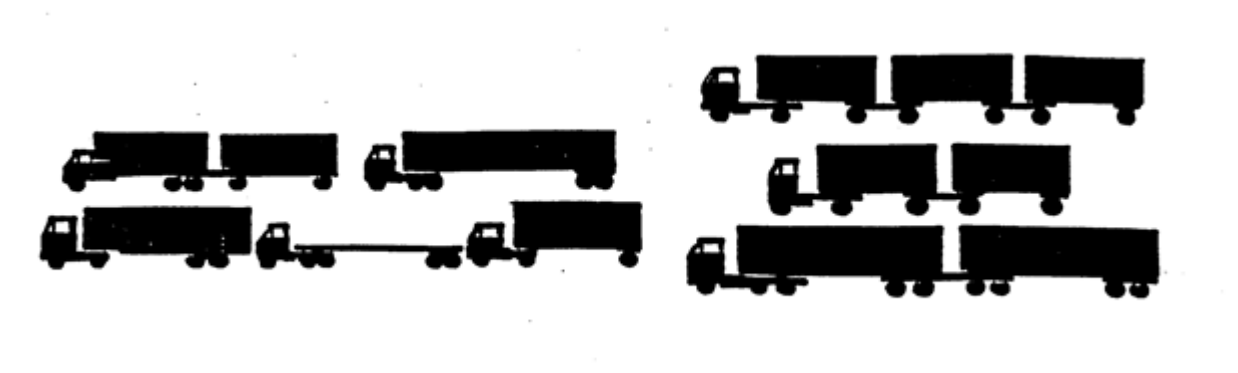
1. A CDL is required for:
  - A single vehicle or combination of vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more; or
  - Any single vehicle/combination of vehicles that is designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
  - Any single vehicle/combination of vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials, which requires the vehicle to comply with 49 C.F.R., Part 172, Subpart F.
2. If a CDL is required, also determine whether any endorsement(s) is required.
3. The holder of a CDL A or B may drive all vehicles in the category for which the license is issued, and all lesser categories of vehicles except motorcycles (CDL A is the highest category license). A driver must have the proper license endorsement if the vehicle s/he is driving requires an endorsement. For example, before a Category A driver can drive a Category B bus, s/he must obtain a "P" endorsement.

4. Driver's licenses are required to operate vehicles on public roads. A public road is any road under the jurisdiction of a public agency and open to public travel or any road on private property that is open to public travel. If uncertain, check with the Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Safety Office.
5. Federal, State and County firefighters and police operating authorized emergency vehicle are exempt from CDL license requirements.

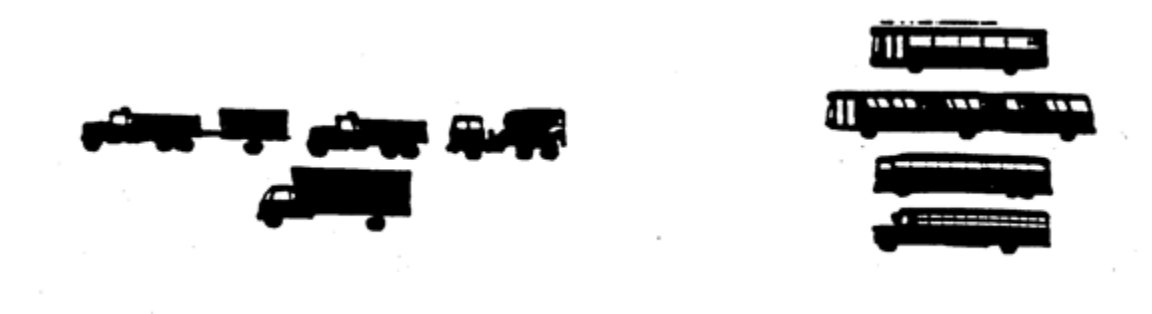
If you need more information regarding CDL requirements, please refer to the Hawaii Commercial Driver's License Manual which is available at <http://hidot.hawaii.gov/highways/library/motor-vehicle-safety-office/>

#### CDL CATEGORIES:

**Class A** - Any combination of vehicles (i.e., can be detached) with a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 pounds or more; provided that the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of the vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.



**Class B** - Any single vehicle (a vehicle which cannot be detached) with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more; and any towed vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds.



**Class C** - Any single vehicle or combination of vehicles with a GVWR or GCWR less than 26,001 pounds and is either:

1. Designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or
2. Used in the transportation of hazardous materials which requires the vehicle to comply with 49 C.F.R., Part 172, Subpart F.



### CDL ENDORSEMENTS:

CDLs may be issued with the following endorsements:

- H\*** Authorizes driving a vehicle transporting hazardous materials that are required to be placarded;
- T** Authorizes driving double and triple trailers;
- P** Authorizes driving vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver (does not include school buses);
- S** Authorized driving school buses;
- N** Authorizes driving tank vehicles which carry either gaseous or liquid materials that is not hazardous in a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregated rate capacity of 1000 gallons or more that is either permanent or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis; and
- X\*** Authorizes driving tank vehicles that carry hazardous materials that are required to be placarded.

\*Hazardous Material Regulations are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Parts 100 – 185, Drivers who transport hazardous material must possess a CDL with an H or X endorsement. For clarification regarding hazardous materials, please call the Motor Vehicle Safety Office at 692-7656 or 692-7658.

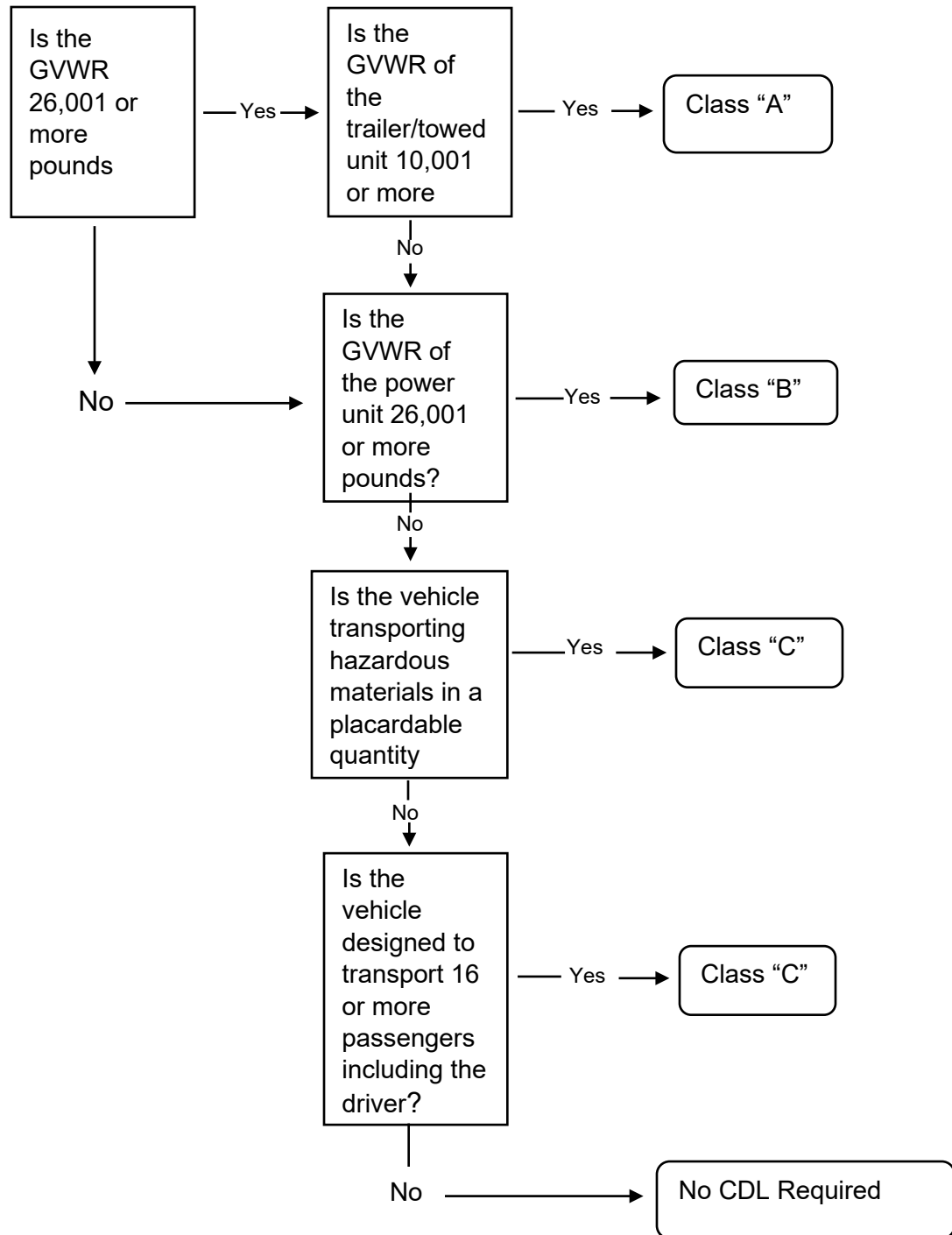
**RESTRICTION CODES:**

A CDL may be issued with restrictions that could limit the kinds of vehicles a person may operate.

E	No manual transmission CDL vehicle.
I	Class C vehicle up to a GVWR of 18,000 pounds
J	Automatic or synchromesh transmission only. CDL privileges will be limited if the vehicle used for the CDL skills tests is equipped with an automatic or synchromesh transmission. This code is only for CDL vehicles.
L	No air brake equipped CDL vehicle. You will be restricted from operating vehicles with air brakes if you do not pass the air brake knowledge test, or if the vehicle you use for the CDL skills tests is not equipped with air brakes.
M	No Class A passenger vehicle. Passenger endorsement will be restricted to class B and C vehicles if the bus used for the passenger endorsement skills tests is a class B bus.
N	No Class A or B passenger vehicle. Restricted to Class C passenger vehicle.
O	The class A CDL is not valid for operating tractor-semitrailer combinations if the vehicle used for the class A CDL skills tests is a truck-trailer combination.
Z	No CDL vehicle with full air brakes

If a position is required to operate any of the following types of vehicles, make sure the driver's license is free of any restrictions that would not allow the person to operate those vehicles.

	Should not carry Restriction Code
Vehicles equipped with manual transmission	E
Class C vehicle over 18,000 pounds (GVWR)	I
Vehicles not equipped with automatic or synchromesh transmission	J
Vehicles equipped with air brake	L
Class A vehicle with a Passenger endorsement	M
Class A or B vehicle with a Passenger endorsement	N
Class A tractor-trailer vehicle	O
Vehicles equipped with full air brakes	Z

**CDL QUICK CHECK:****Determining Class of CDL Required**

NOTE: A bus may be Class A, B, or C depending on whether the GVWR is over 26,001 pounds or is a combination vehicle.