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**1. Please indicate your primary occupation(s) from the following list:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Truck Driver                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Owner-Operator                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Coach / Bus Driver                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fleet Manager / Owner                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company Safety Director                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit System Administrator               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Driver Trainer                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Carrier Insurance Provider           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment Specialist                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Union Representative                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Admin. (State Driver's Licenses) | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Officer (motor carrier safety) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Group                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                      |

**2. Do you think a graduated commercial driver's license (GCDL) is needed?**

- Yes                       No

**3. Should issuance of a GCDL be linked to enrollment in a commercial driving training program?**

- Yes                       No

**4. Should the curricula of a commercial driver training program meet widely-endorsed standards for a student to be eligible to receive a GCDL while in training?**

N/A

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**5. Approximately how many months/years of entry level training and experience should new drivers receive before "graduating" to an unrestricted CDL?**

Simply pass state written and driving tests.

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**6. Should an applicant's past driving record be considered in issuing a GCDL?**

Yes

No

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**7. How many of each of the following types of motor vehicle accidents and convictions within the past 12 months should cause an application to be denied a GCDL?**

Passenger car or light truck motor vehicle accidents

Other convictions for motor vehicle traffic control violations

DUI/DWI convictions

Controlled substances convictions

Reckless driving convictions

Traffic violations and citations

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**8. Should penalties for drivers holding a GCDL, who have at-fault accidents or moving violations, be more severe than those for drivers with an unrestricted CDL?**

N/A

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**9. How many months/years of passenger car or light truck driving experience should an applicant have before being issued a GCDL?**

Simply pass state written and driving tests.

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**10. Which of the following restrictions should apply to entry level drivers operating under a GCDL?**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduced hours of service  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limitations on equipment type (e.g., doubles/triples, tank vehicles, motor coaches, etc.)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limitations on types of cargo (e.g., hazardous materials, livestock, liquids, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limitations on weather and visibility conditions (e.g., ice, snow, fog, night driving)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Limitations on geography or terrain features (e.g., mountains)                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limitations on distance or types of highways (e.g., miles per day, interstate highways, etc.) |   |
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**11. Should a fully licensed CDL driver be required to accompany and observe a driver with a GCDL? If yes, for how many weeks/months/years?**

- Yes                       No
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**12. What is the minimum age at which an applicant should be eligible to receive a graduated CDL?**

**13. Assuming that training requirements are met, what is the minimum age at which the holder of a graduated CDL should be eligible to graduate to an unrestricted CDL?**

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**14. How much testing (knowledge and road test) should be given to GCDL holders prior to issuing an unrestricted CDL?**

- Single test to "graduate" to an unrestricted CDL       Periodically while holding a GCDL until training is complete
- Initial test plus re-test at 1 year after receiving initial GCDL       Other

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**15. What other factors do you feel must be addressed in the implementation of a graduated CDL program?**

My company's fleet of beer delivery vehicles operate within a limited range, in-state. Our drivers should not be required to have a CDL, which is designed for inter-state operations.

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**16. What costs would you or your organization anticipate incurring if a GCDL program is implemented?**

We would actually save money.