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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 type="checkbox"/> Owner-Operator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Coach / Bus Driver | <input checked="" 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

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

One year

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

Yes

No

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

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

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

3 years

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.) | |

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

12. What is the minimum age at which an applicant should be eligible to receive a graduated CDL?

18 years of age

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?

21 years of age

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

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

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Shortage of qualified CDL drivers, and no need for a "full Unrestricted" CDL. Use age of driver, Length of vehicle, Weight of vehicle and distance driven in a 8-12 hour day would be a very big help in obtaining qualified Drivers for my business.

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

{If all of the above items in #15 were used for certified CDL

this would be a tremendous help. Under the current situation, new CDL are being trained by my company for a few years, than moving to long-haul and over-the-road drivers. My Company is footing the bill for the training and development, when it is simply not necessary to do that for beer delivery.

Thanks for allowing us the opportunity to provide this information to you.

Sincerely,


James R. Konersman
Managing Partner

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