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Driving School Owner/Representative

RE: Commercial Driver License (CDL) Testing

Dear Driving School Owner(s):

We have been getting quite a few questions from the trucking industry and driver training facilities regarding potential changes to New York's commercial driver skills tests. Several states have made changes to comply with the new CDL Permit Rule. New York has always had one of the most rigorous skills tests in the country. In fact, New York was one of the first states to require separate skills testing for commercial drivers, even before the federal government created the standards for the Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) in the 1980s.

DMV has made many changes to comply with the CDL Permit Rule as outlined in our recent pamphlet and website notices. As always, we continuously evaluate our testing processes for potential improvement. As changes are identified and implemented, we will notify the industry in sufficient time to incorporate those changes into driver training.

Sincerely,

*R. Lyon*

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