

New York State (NYS) Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Third Party CDL Testing

Third Party CDL Testing Program

- The NYS DMV Third Party CDL Testing Program permits an entity (AGENT) to conduct commercial driver license (CDL) skills tests in representative vehicles for AGENT's employees or customers when such tests are required for applicants to obtain a class A, B, or C license, pursuant to New York Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) §§ **206**, **502(4)(b)**, and **508(1)** and **49 C.F.R. §383.75**.

Third Party CDL Background and Timeline

- **January 2022:**
 - Public hearing held as required by VTL 502(4)(b).
- **February – March 2022:**
 - Conducted outreach to potential pilot participants.
- **April 2022:**
 - Completed examiner training for CDTA
- **May 2022:**
 - Completed examiner training for DOT
 - CDTA became first certified third-party testing agent.

Third Party CDL Conducted Tests

- As of February 2023:
 - Total tests completed by Third Party Entities: 481
 - Total entities trained and conducting CDL tests: 15
 - Total entities in training: 3
 - Total entities scheduling start training: 6
 - Total entities interested / onboarding: 7

Current Third Party CDL Entities (*active or in-process*)

- Capital District Transportation Authority
- Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
- NYS Department of Transportation
- Huntington Coach
- Rolling V. Bus Corporation
- West Point Tours
- Logan Bus Company Inc. & Affiliates
- Suffolk Transportation Service
- The Trans Group
- First Student Inc.
- Liberty Lines
- Birnie Bus Service
- Bethlehem Central School District
- Greece Central School District
- BOCES Delaware, Chenango, Madison, Otsego
- BOCES Ashville Cattaraugus
- BOCES Cayuga
- BOCES Monroe
- BOCES Rockland
- BOCES Sullivan
- BOCES TST Tompkins
- BOCES Wilton
- BOCES-CV-TEC (Champlain Valley)
- BOCES Jefferson-Lewis
- BOCES Otsego Northern Catskill

Application Process

- Entities who wish to participate in the NYS DMV Third Party CDL Testing Program must first apply with the NYS DMV.
 - Online at <https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/third-party-cdl-testing-program>
- To be considered for the program, any third-party entity that wishes to apply will need the following:
 - a list of examiners
 - a testing site
 - a route that would meet the federal requirements

Third Party CDL Test Site and Route

- After an application is accepted, the NYS DMV Third Party CDL Testing entity must establish a CDL Tests site, as well as a detailed CDL test route.
- Details:
 - CDL test site must be located in an area that can meet the federal skills requirements for a CDL road test route.

Third Party CDL Examiner Training

- All approved examiners will participate in NYS DMV provided training for conducting a road test.
 - 2 to 3-day classroom training - MVLE AAMVA Certified Commercial Examiner Training program
 - Setting up a CDL skills testing lot for maneuvers
 - Assist in making CDL route meeting federal requirements
 - Shadowing state examiners performing road tests for the public
 - Co-testing with state examiners
 - Tablet training to conduct tests with DMV software
 - Computer training to set availability, schedule and get reports for CDL testing on DMV programs

Third Party CDL Examiner Monitoring

- Once a NYS DMV Third Party CDL Testing Program Entity is fully operational, they will submit to monitoring of their testing operation by NYS DMV staff, both covertly and overtly for compliance with all rules and regulations

Additional Information

- Driving Schools:
 - Any driving school or entity who is in the business of training or testing for-hire cannot conduct a test for any individual that they have trained.
 - This restriction prohibits a CDL skills test examiner employed by the entity from conducting the skills test for applicants trained through the entity, even where the skills test examiner did not provide the direct training
- Private Service Bureau (PSB):
 - A driving school or for-hire operating as a Third Party testing entity may be required to become a Private Service Bureau (PSB)

Questions

- Program Support
 - Any questions or concerns please contact New York State DMV Third Party Testing Unit at cdlthirdpartytesting@dmv.ny.gov.
 - <https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/third-party-cdl-testing-program>
- Any questions?