

New Level I training with Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) included

The Nebraska Safety Center (NSC) will now be providing current Level I training with Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) included starting **January 3rd, 2023**.

The NSC has created a new curriculum that meets Federal guidelines for ELDT and state guidelines for level training. They will now be teaching Class B, Passenger and School Bus endorsement to those drivers who need CDL training for 16 or more passenger vehicles.

Courses on the database will be based off the categories listed in Rule 91.

Category	Vehicle	Capacity	Minimum DMV License Required
A	Small Vehicle: Car or Van (Routes only)	1-10 passengers	Class O Operator's License
B	Small Bus	Up to 15 passengers	Class O Operator's License
C	School Bus	16 or more passengers	Commercial Driver's License with Passenger and School Bus Endorsements

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course structure will be a combination of online and in-person. Class B and Passenger Endorsement will be an online self-paced course of videos and quizzes where the driver can work at their own pace.

- **Class B** portion is set up in six modules totaling to a four-hour video with each module having an end of module quiz requiring an 80% passing score. At the end of Class B there will be a comprehensive exam; the driver will need an 80% passing score.
- **The Passenger Endorsement** is set up in two modules totaling to a two-hour video with each module having an end of module quiz requiring an 80% passing score. At the end of the Passenger Endorsement there will be a comprehensive exam and the driver will need an 80% passing score.
- **The School Bus Endorsement** will be a five hour in person class totaling three modules with a comprehensive test of 50 questions. The comprehensive exam will need an 80% passing score. This will be listed in the database as School Bus Category C.

Small vehicles (A) and small bus (B) courses will not be changing. They will still stay the same. Level II will still be required for all the drivers who complete a level course.

Questions

Where and how do drivers sign up for the online Class B and Passenger Endorsements? How will they sign up for the School Bus Endorsement?

- They will still sign up on the database for these courses. They will be emailed course information and how to sign up when they register for the course. This information will also go to the school contacts listed on the database.

- Drivers will sign up for the School Bus Endorsement on the database just as they have in the past. However, they cannot take the School Bus portion until they have completed the Class B and Passenger Endorsement.

If my driver has a lapsed level for a School Bus (Category C) what do they do?

- Your driver will need to complete the Class B, Passenger and School Bus Endorsement as this is the new Level I course for your school bus drivers. If a category A or B driver lapses, they will need to take the respective course.

Can I still get a waiver for my driver?

- You can still get a waiver extension for your drivers who need a Level II.
- You can still get a waiver for your drivers who will be transporting students in Category A and B.
- You cannot get a waiver for your drivers who need a Level I for a School Bus unless they already have a CDL with Passenger and School Bus Endorsements.
- Waivers are only good for 60 days. A driver will need to take a class within 60 days of completion.

If my driver already has a CDL with endorsements but no Level I training what will they need to complete?

- Your driver will need to complete the Class B, Passenger and School Bus Endorsement as this is the new Level I course for your school bus drivers.

Who will register my school bus driver onto the FMCSA website?

- NSC will register your school bus drivers into the FMCSA website. Schools/driver will need to add drivers into the pupil transportation database and sign up for the Class B and P before we can add them to FMCSA. Once they complete the S endorsement, we will enter the information into the FMCSA website for the completion of EDLT.
- NSC will be putting driver information into FMCSA within 48 hours of finishing the S endorsement course.

Who will be listed as the theory provider?

- Starting January 9th NSC will be the only theory provider listed for your school bus drivers.

Who will complete the Behind the Wheel?

- The school district will be responsible for the Behind the Wheel training for drivers. NSC will not be providing Behind the Wheel training. NSC will not be approving or submitting anything into the FMCSA website for the Behind the Wheel. Schools will be responsible for finding a registered Behind the Wheel provider through FMCSA.

Will we still need to complete a pre-drive for school bus drivers' Level I course?

- Yes, you will still need to complete the pre-drive for school bus drivers' Level I course.

What will course schedules look like?

- We will still offer the Level I, 11-hour small bus (Category B) course and 3-hour small vehicle (Category A) course. The School Bus Endorsement (Category C) course will be a one day 5-hour course. We will still offer classes in person and via zoom.

Do we still have to do the two-hour in-service?

- Yes, the two-hour in-service will still need to be done on an annual basis for all pupil transportation vehicle drivers.

Course costs

<u>Class</u>	<u>In person</u>	<u>Zoom</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Waivers</u>
Small Vehicle 3 Hour	\$100	\$125	NA	
Small Bus 11 Hour	\$200	\$225	NA	
Class B & Passenger Endorsement	NA	NA	\$270	
School Bus Endorsement (5-hour)	\$230	\$255	NA	
No Show Fee	\$50	\$50		
Level I & II Waiver				\$75

Starting in January NSC will start providing the Pupil Transportation Director trainings. Please watch your email for more information on these upcoming trainings.