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1.	i	Contact References	Phone Number Change	Transportation Security Administration (TSA)
		Transportation Security		Telephone 1 (877) 429 7746
				Telephone (855) 347-8371
		Administration (TSA)		Website: https://universalenroll.dhs.gov
				 Hazmat endorsement eligibility
				 Threat assessments
				 Background checks
				 Fingerprints
2.	ii	Contact References	Deleted Areas of Responsibilities	Washington State Patrol (WSP)
				Telephone (360) 596-3800
		Washington State Patrol		Website: www.wsp.wa.gov
				 Equipment requirements
				 Enforcement practices
				 Road conditions
				Chain requirements
				 Weight enforcement
3.	Sections:	Commercial Driver	Terminology Change	All references of Commercial Driver Instruction Permit (CDIP)
	1, 11, 12 & 13	Instruction Permit - CDIP		Changed to Commercial Learners Permit (CLP)
4.	1-4	Section 1 - Introduction	Typo Correction	Tank vehicle endorsement.
				Required for any commercial vehicle that is designed to
		CDL Endorsement /		transport any liquid or gaseous materials within a tank or
		Restriction Table Figure 1.2 		tanks having an individual rated capacity of a more than 119 gallons or more and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000
		 Figure 1.2 N Tank vehicle 		gallons or more that is either permanently or temporarily
		endorsement		attached to the vehicle or chassis.
5.	1-6	Section 1 - Introduction	Revise Bullet Verbiage	Application
				To get a Washington CDL or Commercial Learners Permit
		1.2 - Getting Your CDL		(CLP) you must:
		Application		 Pass-the General Knowledge Test all applicable
				knowledge tests for the vehicle class and type you intend
		 7th Bullet 		to operate.



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6.	1-6 & 1-7	Section 1 - Introduction 1.2 - Getting Your CDL Lawful Permanent Residency	New Verbiage/Section Added	 Lawful Permanent Residency Federal regulations require CDL holders and applicants in the process of obtaining a commercial license to show proof of lawful permanent residence within the United States. The following provides who is required to provide proof of permanent residence: All current CDL holders requiring renewal, permit, or upgrades All new applicants All applicants transferring from another state Visit our website at www.dol.wa.gov for details and acceptable
7.	1-7	Section 1 - Introduction 1.2 - Getting Your CDL Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)	New Verbiage/Section Added Formerly provided as an insert to the 2014 Commercial Driver Guide	documents. Commercial Learners Permit Applicants must hold a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) for the type of vehicle they intend to operate. This requires drivers to successfully complete all applicable CDL knowledge tests for both commercial vehicle class and type. After passing all required knowledge tests, drivers must add the CLP to their Washington driver's license. A CLP is required for: Drivers testing for an original CDL A CDL holder upgrading their commercial license for: O A higher commercial class Commercial endorsements that require skills testing: Passenger endorsement School bus endorsement Tank vehicle endorsement (if vehicle brought for skills testing is a tank vehicle) Removing an air brake restriction The permit is valid for 180 days, can be renewed once, and must be on the driver's license for a minimum of 14 days before taking a CDL skills test. Refer to Figure 1.3 for CDL knowledge tests that must be passed for proper CLP issuance.



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8.	1-8	Section 1 - Introduction 1.2 - Getting Your CDL Commercial Learner's Permit	New Reference Table as Figure 1.3	See Table/Figure 1.3 - Knowledge Tests Required for CLP & CDL Skills Testing
9.	1-8	Section 1 - Introduction 1.2 - Getting Your CDL Mandatory Training Requirement	Delete Verbiage - Related to Military Training Requirements	 There are three two ways to satisfy Washington state mandatory CDL training requirements Complete a certified commercial driver training course from any branch of the military. Drivers using this type of training certificate must have possessed an equivalent military commercial license for the commercial call they are applying for. Proof of military training must be provided within one year after discharge. The training certificate must be completed by the Office of Veteran Affairs.
10.	1-10	What sections should you study Figure 1.4	Re-number Figure 1.4	Re-number <i>former</i> Table/Figure 1.3 to Figure 1.4
11.	1-12	Section 1 - Introduction 1.2 - Getting Your CDL Military Skills Test Waiver 2 nd Paragraph	Timeline Revision & Added Verbiage Before Website Reference	To qualify, service members must hold a current military commercial license or have been discharged within the last year 90 days. The military skills test waiver requires drivers to pass all applicable CDL knowledge tests. This waiver does not apply to passenger or school bus endorsements. For a list of documents required and detailed instructions, visit www.dol.wa.gov for more information on the military skills test waiver.
12.	1-13	Section 1 - Introduction Renewals, Upgrades, Adding Endorsements, and Removing Restrictions	Verbiage Revisions	 After a CDL is issued, to renew, add an endorsement, or remove a restriction from your license, you need to: Provide any updates to your personal information. Successfully complete all required knowledge and skills tests. Obtain a CLP if the CDL upgrade requires skills testing. Successfully complete the skills tests. Pay the proper fees for knowledge, skills testing and license issuance.



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13.	1-13	Section 1 - Introduction Test your knowledge	New quiz question added as Question 4 Revised Question 4 to 5 Revised Question 5 to 6	 4. What is the minimum waiting period between getting your CLP and taking your skills test? 5. What are the three parts of the CDL skills test and what Sections of this guide should you study to prepare for these tests? 6. When is it necessary to take a CDL skills test?
14.	1-15	Section 1 - Introduction 1.3 - Medical Certification and Waivers Contact Info	Add Verbiage/ Note Under Contact Information Revise Reference to Figure 1.4 to 1.5	CDL Medical Unit Department of Licensing PO Box 9030 Olympia WA 98507-9030 Fax: (360) 570-4915 Email: CDL MED@dol.wa.gov Note: The CDL Med email address is for sending required forms for processing. For questions on CDL self-certification or forms, contact our Customer Service Center at (360)902- 3900. Figure 1.4 1.5 on the next page may assist you in determining what type of commerce fits your operation. You may change the way you certify anytime in person at any driver licensing office.
15.	1-16	Section 1 - IntroductionSelf Certification TableFigure 1.4	Re-number Figure 1.5	Re-number <i>former</i> Table/Figure 1.4 to Figure 1.5



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No. 16.	Page Number(s) 1-17	Section Area & Topic Section 1 - Introduction 1.3 - Medical Certification and Waivers Interstate Medical Waivers 3 rd Paragraph after bulleted text		Verbiage ChangesIf you need an intrastate waiver, complete a medical waiver application available at any driver licensing office or online at www.dol.wa.gov under the CDL section. Return the following forms:• CDL Intrastate Medical Waiver Application• Medical Examiner Certificate• Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness DeterminationForms must be fully and correctly completed. Medical forms must be completed by authorized medical examiners listed on the National Medical Registry. Return the completed waiver application and medical examiner listed on the National Medical Registry.CDL Medical Unit Department of Licensing PO Box 9030 Olympia WA 98507-9030Fax: (360) 570-4915 Email: CDL MED@dol.wa.govNote: The CDLMED email address is for sending required
				forms for processing. For questions on CDL self-certification or forms, contact our Customer Service Center at (360) 902- 3900. <i>Last two (2) paragraphs unchanged.</i>
17.	1-21	Section 1 - Introduction Disqualification 2 nd Paragraph Last Sentence	Verbiage Revision	If your CDL has been disqualified for one year or longer, more than one year, you will also be required to provide proof of commercial driver training.



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18.	1-29	Section 1 - Introduction Hours of Service Contact information After 4 th Paragraph	Contact Information Change	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (360) 753-9875 www.fmcsa.dot.gov-click on the link hours of service Washington State Patrol (360) 753-0350 (360) 596-3800 www.wsp.wa.gov Utilities and Transportation Commission (360) 664-1222 www.utc.wa.gov
19.	8-1	Section 8 - Tank Vehicles Overview 2 nd Full Paragraph	Typo Correction	A tank endorsement is required if you want to haul any liquid or gaseous materials within a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of a more than 119 gallons or more and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis.
20.	11-3	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.2 - General Test Rules 3 rd Paragraph	Verbiage Revision	 A representative vehicle must be used to complete all three parts of the skills test. For example, you cannot complete any part(s) of the test(s) in separate vehicles, equipped differently, to simplify test standards or to provide an unfair advantage. If testing for a school bus endorsement, the bus must be equipped with required functioning safety devices outlined below: Student warning lights. Student crossing arm. Student mirrors. Note: Also, federal regulations do not allow the use of a tractor (without trailer to be used for CDL skills testing for a Class B commercial license.



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21.	11-4	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.2 - General Test Rules Skills Test Ground Rules 1 st Bullet	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Skills Test Ground Rules Below are important ground rules for taking your CDL Skills Test. Failure to follow these rules will result in your test being postponed and having to reschedule. Take the following to your test: A valid Washington State driver's license with a Commercial Learner's Permit issued 14 days or more prior to the skills test.
22.	11-12	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 1. In-Cab/Bus Inspections Anti-lock braking system (ABS) check	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 All other bullets remain unchanged Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS) Check If equipped, after starting the vehicle, check the dashboard to ensure the ABS lighting indicator illuminates and turns off. Tell the examiner when the ABS warning light illuminates and turns off. If the ABS light remains illuminated, the ABS is not functioning properly and needs service.
23.	11-14	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 1. In-Cab/Bus Inspections Horn(s)	Verbiage Revision	 Horn(s) Check that either the air and/or electric horn(s) work.
24.	11-14	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 1. In-Cab/Bus Inspections Wipers & Washers	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Wipers & Washers Activate the windshield wipers to check that they operate smoothly. Check the wiper arms and blades: Operate smoothly. Are secure. Are not-cracked or-damaged. If equipped, check that the windshield washers operate correctly.



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<u>No.</u> 25.	Page Number(s) 11-17	Section Area & Topic Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 2. Air Supply System Air Leak Check	Change Overview Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Verbiage Changes Air Leak Check 1. Shut off the engine. 2. Chock your wheels (if necessary). 3. Place the transmission into gear, neutral or park. 4. Release the parking brake and tractor protection valve if applicable (push in). 5. Fully apply the foot brake and hold for 1 minute. 6. Check the air gauge to see that the air pressure drops no more than 3 psi in 1 minute in a single vehicle or no more than 4 psi in 1 minute in a combination vehicle.
				 Note 1: If the vehicle is equipped with electronic gauges, the ignition key must be in the "on" or "battery charge" position during this check. Note 2: For combination vehicles where the truck/tractor is equipped with air brakes, but the trailer has electric brakes, use the single vehicle air leak check parameters, i.e., 3 psi.
26.	11-17	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 2. Air Supply System Parking Brake & Tractor Protection Valve	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Parking Brake & Tractor Protection Valve 1. Ensure all brakes are still released (pushed in). 2. Continue to fan off the air pressure. 3. When pressure drops to 20-45 psi on a combination vehicle, the parking brake and tractor protection valves should close (pop out). 4. On single and combination vehicles equipped with electric trailer brakes, the parking brake valve should close (pop out) when pressure drops to 20-45 psi. Inform the examiner when the parking brake and tractor protection valve (if applicable) closed. Failure to correctly perform and/or-verbalize bolded numbers or ranges listed for any one of the three parts of the air supply system checks will result in an automatic disqualification. If this occurs, the test will be stopped after attempting these checks. Note: Bolded paragraph moved to earlier in this section

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27.	11-18	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 3. Front of Vehicle Lights & Reflectors	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Lights & Reflectors Check that all front light lenses and clearance lights are: Clean. Not missing or broken. Check that clearance lights are amber and that other light lenses are the proper color for their function and location. Check that all reflectors are: Clean. Not missing or broken. Amber for the front of the vehicle. If applicable, check that reflective tape is clean, securely affixed to the vehicle and amber for the front of the vehicle.
28.	11-19	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 4. Engine Compartment Power Steering Unit	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Power Steering Unit Identify the power steering unit and tell the examiner if the power steering unit is belt or gear driven. Identify where the power steering unit dipstick is located. Identify the power steering unit dipstick. Explain that the power steering fluid is above the refill mark or in a safe operating range. A verbal explanation is acceptable. Check that the power steering unit is securely mounted with no loose or missing bolts. Identify if the power steering unit is belt or gear driven. If belt driven, identify the power steering unit belt and check that the belt is: Not cracked or showing signs of excessive wear. Not frayed or showing signs of loose fibers. Check the tension of the belt does not deflect more than ½ to ¾ of an inch from the center of the belt. If gear driven, explain that the power steering unit is: Operating smoothly. Not damaged or leaking.



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29.	11-19	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 4. Engine Compartment Water Pump	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Water Pump Identify the water pump if visible. and tell the examiner if the water pump is belt or gear driven. Check that the water pump is securely mounted with no loose or missing bolts. Identify if the water pump is belt or gear driven. If belt driven, identify the water pump belt and check that the belt is: Not cracked or showing signs of excessive wear. Not frayed or showing signs of loose fibers. Check the tension of the belt does not deflect more than ½ to ¾ of an inch from the center of the belt. If gear driven, explain that the water pump is: Operating smoothly. Not damaged or leaking.
30.	11-19	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 4. Engine Compartment Alternator	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Alternator Identify the alternator. and tell the examiner if the alternator is belt or gear driven. Check that the alternator is securely mounted with no loose or missing bolts. Check for loose electrical connections. Check for exposed, broken or burned wiring. Check for: Loose electrical connections. Exposed, broken or burned wiring. Identify if the alternator is belt or gear driven. If belt driven, identify the alternator belt and check that the belt is: Not cracked or showing signs of excessive wear. Not frayed or showing signs of loose fibers. Check the tension of the belt does not deflect more than ½ to ¾ of an inch from the center of the belt. If gear driven, explain that the alternator is: Operating smoothly. Not damaged.



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31.	11-20	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 4. Engine Compartment Air Compressor	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Air Compressor Identify the air compressor if visibleand tell the examiner if the water pump is belt or gear driven. Check that the air compressor is securely mounted with no loose or missing bolts. Check for any fluid or air leaks from the compressor. Identify if the air compressor is belt or gear driven. If belt driven, identify the air compressor belt and check that the belt is: Not cracked or showing signs of excessive wear. Not frayed or showing signs of loose fibers. Check the tension of the belt does not deflect more than ½ to ¾ of an inch from the center of the belt. If gear driven, explain that the air compressor is: Operating smoothly. Not damaged.
32.	N/A	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 4. Engine Compartment Engine Compartment Belts	Verbiage Deleted / Criteria Change Belt Inspections Added to Each Applicable Inspection Item	 Engine Compartment Belts Identify the following belts if applicable: Power steering belt. Water pump belt. Alternator belt. Air compressor belt. Check the belts and explain their condition-they should not be: Cracked or show other signs of excessive wear. Frayed or show signs of loose fibers. Check the tension of the belts-they should not deflect more than ½ to ¾ of an inch from the center of the belt.
33.	11-24 11-29 11-39	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 8. Front Brakes 12. Rear Brakes 24. Trailer Brakes Drums/Rotors	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Brake Drums & Rotors Check brake drums or rotors for cracks, grooves or holes. Check for loose or missing bolts. Check that there is no sign of oil or grease on the brake drum.



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34.	11-24 & 25	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 9. Driver, Fuel & Under- Vehicle Areas Doors & Mirrors	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	 Doors & Mirrors Check that door(s) are not damaged and opens and closes securely from the outside. Check that door hinges are secure with door seals intact. Check door windows: Are clean. Have no cracks or damage that impairs vision. Check that mirror brackets: Are not damaged. Securely mounted with no loose or missing parts.
35.	11-31	Section 11 - Pre-Trip Inspection 11.7 - Scoring Criteria for the Pre-Trip Inspection 14. Tractor/Truck Coupling Air & Electrical Connectors & Lines	Verbiage Revision	 Air & Electrical Connectors & Lines Check for air leaks. Check air hose fittings from the rear of the tractor/truck for signs of damage. Check the condition of the air hoses and electrical line insulation are not: Cut, or spliced. Cracked, chaffed or excessively worn (steel braid should not show through). Check that the air and electrical lines are not pinched or rubbing dragging against truck/tractor parts. If not permanently mounted, check that the electrical plug is firmly seated and locked in place on the truck/tractor.
36.	12-3	Section 12 - Basic Control Test 12.2 - Scoring the Basic Control Test Final Position	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	Final position: It is important that you finish each exerciseexactly as the examiner has instructed. If you do not fullyplace the rear of your vehicle inside the final dockingboundary or the front and back of your vehicles is notrelatively straight as described by the examiner, you will bepenalized 10 points and could disqualify on the backingexercises.If you do not maneuver your vehicle into its final positionas described by the examiner, you will be penalized and coulddisqualify on the backing exercises.

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37.	12-3	Section 12 - Basic Control	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	Straight Line Backing			
		Test		You will be instructed to back your vehicle in a straight line			
				between two rows of cones without touching or crossing over the			
		12.3 - Exercises		exercise course marked by cones. If you encroach on or through			
				any cones the examiner will stop you and you must return back into			
		Straight Line Backing		bounds.			
				Set your parking brake and tap the horn-when you have			
				completed the exercise once the front of your vehicle has fully			
				crossed the last set of cones. See Figure 12-1 at the end of this			
				section.			
				If the back of your vehicle is not within the final docking			
				boundary, you have not successfully completed the exercise and a			
				position error will be scored.			
38.	12-3	Section 12 - Basic Control	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change	Offset Backing to the Right			
		Test		You will drive straight forward and then back your vehicle into the			
				lane to the right without touching or crossing over the exercise course			
		12.3 - Exercises		marked by cones. The examiner will stop you and instruct you to return			
				back into bounds if you encroach on or through any cones.			
		Offset Backing to the Right		If a pull-up is needed, you must first back so that the entire rear of			
				your vehicle crosses over the exercise's center boundary line (middle			
				cone between both lanes) before a pull-up is allowed. After completing			
				the exercise, your vehicle must be relatively straight.			
				Set your parking brake and tap the horn when you have completed			
				the exercise once the front of your vehicle has fully crossed the first set			
				of cones.			
				If the back of your vehicle is not within the final docking boundary			
				or the front of your vehicle is positioned to the left or right (in front of			
				the row of cones) of the backing lane, you have not successfully			
				completed the exercise and a position error will be scored.			
				See Figure 12-2 at the end of this section, for an			
				example of the center line the vehicle must cross before making a			
				pull-up. And where the vehicle should be positioned after completing			
				this exercise.			



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39.	12-5	Section 12 - Basic Control Test Figure 12.1 - Straight Line Backing	Graphic Revision / Criteria Change	 Figure 12.1 - Straight Line Backing Docking boundary eliminated Vehicle entirely passes through rows of cones Completes exercise once the front of the vehicle pass across the last set of cones 				
40.	12-6	Section 12 - Basic Control Test Figure 12.2 - Offset Backing to the Right	Graphic Revision / Criteria Change	 Figure 12.2 - Offset to the Right Backing Boundary area to the right changed from 33 to 15 feet Docking boundary eliminated Completes the exercise once the front of the vehicle passes across the first set of cones 				
41.	12-7	Section 12 - Basic Control Test Figure 12.3a - Alley Dock "A" Vehicles	Graphic Revision / Criteria Change	 Figure 12.3a - Alley Dock - A Vehicles Docking exercise area expanded to 40 feet 				
42.	12-8	Section 12 - Basic Control Test Figure 12.3b - Alley Dock "B/C" Vehicles	Graphic Revision / Criteria Change	 Figure 12.3a - Straight Line Backing Docking exercise area expanded to 40 feet 				
43.	13-9	Section 13 - Road Test Railroad Crossings 1 st Paragraph	Verbiage Revision / Criteria Change Drivers Required to Verbalize & Demonstrate Actions for Approaching & Crossing Uncontrolled Railroad Tracks	Railroad CrossingsFor test purposes, railroad crossings may be actual or simulated. Treat railroad crossings as an uncontrolled crossing. Describe what you are looking for and demonstrate what you would do for approaching and crossing uncontrolled tracks.When you approach and cross railroad tracks:All other information unchanged.				



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44.	13-11	Section 13 - Road Test Student Stop 2 nd Subsection - As you approach the student stop location 1 st bullet	Verbiage Deleted	 Student Stop As you approach the student stop location, you must: Bring the school bus to a complete stop at least 10 feet away from the referenced stopping point. i.e., students. 			
45.	13-12	Section 13 - Road Test Student Stop 5 th Subsection - When you reenter traffic	Score Criteria Sequence change	 Student Stop When you reenter traffic Check traffic in all directions. Inactivate alternating red flashers, stop paddle and crossing arm by using the override switch on the instrument panel. Close the service door. Put the vehicle in gear, release the parking brake to reenter traffic. Inactivate alternating red flashers, stop paddle and crossing arm by using the override switch on the instrument panel. Inactivate alternating red flashers, stop paddle and crossing arm by using the override switch on the instrument panel. Make a final traffic check in all directions and perform mirror checks. Place your foot on the service brake, release the parking brake and put the vehicle in gear to reenter traffic. Accelerate smoothly and if applicable, change gears. After stopping and resuming into traffic, you will be automatically disqualified if you begin to pull forward with the service door open. 			