

# House Bill 3898

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ

## SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act says ODOT must offer written CDL exam in English and Spanish. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.9).

Requires the Department of Transportation to offer the written commercial driver examination in English and Spanish.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to commercial driving privileges; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 807.070.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 807.070 is amended to read:

4 807.070. The Department of Transportation shall administer an examination to establish quali-  
5 fication for each class of license and endorsement. The examination for each class of license or  
6 endorsement must include all of the following as described:  
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8 (1) A test of the applicant's eyesight. This subsection does not apply to an applicant with a  
9 limited vision condition as defined in ORS 807.355.

10 (2) A test of the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the traffic laws of this state, safe  
11 driving practices and factors that cause accidents. This subsection does not apply to an applicant  
12 who holds a valid driver license from another jurisdiction or whose driver license from another ju-  
13 risdiction is expired less than one year. The following all apply to the test under this subsection:

14 (a) The test may not cover any subject that is not presented in the publications of the depart-  
15 ment intended for the instruction of applicants for licenses and driver permits.

16 (b) The test for each class of license and endorsement must include, but is not limited to, a test  
17 of knowledge and understanding of traffic laws that relate specifically to the type of driving privi-  
18 leges granted under the specific class of license or endorsement sought.

19 (c) The test must include, but is not limited to, the following subjects:

20 (A) Rights of pedestrians who are blind.

21 (B) The meaning of official traffic signs and signals.

22 (C) Proper operating procedure in emergency situations.

23 (D) Vehicle safety equipment and its use.

24 (E) Practices necessary for safe operation of a vehicle around pedestrians and bicyclists.

25 (F) Practices necessary for safe operation of a vehicle around motorcyclists.

26 (d) The test must include at least two questions pertaining to the practices necessary for safe  
27 operation of a vehicle around motorcyclists.

28 (e) The test may include a question regarding fuel efficient driving techniques.

29 (f) The department may waive the test under circumstances described in ORS 807.072.

30 (3) A test that is an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 without endangering the safety of persons or property. The following apply to this subsection:

2 (a) The actual demonstration for each class of license shall be performed in a vehicle that may  
3 be operated under the class of license sought, but that may not be operated under lower classes of  
4 license.

5 (b) An actual demonstration for a passenger endorsement shall be performed in a vehicle that  
6 may be operated under the endorsement.

7 (c) An actual demonstration for a school bus endorsement shall be performed in a school bus.

8 (d) An actual demonstration required for a commercial driver license may be performed by a  
9 person only if the person has held for at least 14 days a commercial learner driver permit that was  
10 issued by the department or by another jurisdiction that authorizes operation of the vehicle used for  
11 testing.

12 (e) The department may waive the demonstration under circumstances described in ORS 807.072.

13 (4) Any other examination or test, including demonstrations, that the department determines  
14 may be necessary to assist the department in establishing whether the applicant is eligible for a li-  
15 cense under ORS 807.060 or whether the applicant is fit to operate a motor vehicle safely on the  
16 highways of this state. In any examination or test under this subsection, the department shall only  
17 conduct an investigation for facts relating directly to the ability of the applicant to operate a motor  
18 vehicle safely or other facts that are specifically required to show the fitness of the applicant for  
19 license.

20 **(5) The department shall offer any written examination in English and Spanish when the**  
21 **examination is administered to an applicant seeking commercial driving privileges.**

22 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 807.070 by section 1 of this 2025 Act apply to ex-**  
23 **aminations administered on or after the effective date of this 2025 Act.**

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