

# How To Start Studying For The Test

The purpose of the CDL practice tests is to give you a drill for the real thing. Therefore, it is best to take the exam under conditions similar to the actual exam. You will need to find a quiet spot to take it. There should be no interruptions, cell phones or other distractions.

As you go through the exam questions do not get frustrated. Especially when first attempting to answer them. It is normal to be frustrated. However, by continuing to work through the questions you are preparing yourself for the exam. Be patient and continue to work through the questions even when they seem too difficult. This is like training for a marathon not a sprint.

This is a practice exam and is supposed to be a learning experience. Please treat it as such. Find your errors, see where you went wrong, and discover where you could do better.

Don't be overwhelmed by the amount of material you are going to be studying. You can do this... just take it one step at a time. Try to remember why you started this process in the first place. Was it for job security and good pay? Or perhaps opportunities to travel the country and better yet, get paid to do it?

Promise yourself and your family a celebration after you get your CDL drivers license! This will not only give them something to look forward to, but you will enjoy it too!

## Tips on Test Taking

- Being ready for the test starts the day before. Don't stay up all night studying. Get a good nights sleep. Eat Breakfast. You should be rested and comfortable when you go to DMV. If you take a test when you are hungry or tired, you won't do well.
- Avoid worried test-takers at the exam site. Test anxiety is contagious and unproductive. So, what, if they have taken the test six times...YOU are passing the first time!
- Concentrate on the test. Don't worry about your ability or the behavior of other people. You have studied hard for this exam and You Are Prepared.
- DON'T PANIC. If you feel yourself sweating or hyperventilating, close your eyes and take a few deep breaths. When you are calmer, go back to work.
- Read each test question CAREFULLY. Don't add words and don't miss words. Read the question, the choices and then the statement of facts. Don't make assumptions about what the question might be.
- Answer the easiest questions first and skip the questions of which you are unsure for later; maybe on another part of the test there'll be something that will help you out with that question. Remember, all the questions are worth the same number of points regardless of the type or difficulty.

- DO NOT change an answer on a whim. Your first guess is usually right unless you are sure you have answered incorrectly.
- Make sure you read through every answer even if you are sure the first or second is correct.
- Make sure you understand what you are being asked and specifically look out for the word 'NOT' in the question.
- As you go through each answer, cross through the ones that you know are incorrect. If you have four possible answers and you can eliminate two you've increased your odds for a correct answer to 50%.
- Do Not Rush. Work quickly, but do not rush. Read every question carefully and make your choice after thoughtful analysis.