



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4506.12 Classes of licenses - endorsements and restrictions.

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(A) Commercial driver's licenses shall be issued in the following classes and shall include any endorsements and restrictions that are applicable. Subject to any such endorsements and restrictions, the holder of a valid commercial driver's license may drive all commercial motor vehicles in the class for which that license is issued and all lesser classes of vehicles, except that the holder shall not operate a motorcycle unless the holder is licensed to do so under Chapter 4507. of the Revised Code.

(B) The classes of commercial driver's licenses and the commercial motor vehicles that they authorize the operation of are as follows:

(1) Class A--any combination of vehicles with a combined gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds or more, if the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is in excess of ten thousand pounds.

(2) Class B--any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one pounds or more or any such vehicle towing a vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating that is not in excess of ten thousand pounds.

(3) Class C--any single vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that is not a class A or class B vehicle, but that is designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, or is transporting hazardous materials in an amount requiring placarding, or any school bus with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand one pounds that is designed to transport fewer than sixteen passengers including the driver.

(C) The following endorsements and restrictions apply to commercial drivers' licenses:

(1) H--authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle transporting hazardous materials in an amount requiring placarding;



- (2) K--restricts the driver to only intrastate operation;
- (3) L--restricts the driver to vehicles not equipped with air brakes;
- (4) T--authorizes the driver to drive a vehicle configured with double or triple trailers that create more than one articulation point for the combination;
- (5) P--authorizes the driver to drive vehicles designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver;
- (6) P1--authorizes the driver to drive class A vehicles designed for fewer than sixteen passengers, including the driver, and all lesser classes of vehicles without restriction as to the designed passenger capacity of the vehicle;
- (7) P2--authorizes the driver to drive class A or B vehicles designed for fewer than sixteen passengers, including the driver, and all lesser classes of vehicles without restriction as to the designed passenger capacity of the vehicle;
- (8) P4-- Restricts the driver to driving class C school buses designed to transport fewer than sixteen passengers including the driver.
- (9) N--authorizes the driver to drive tank vehicles;
- (10) S--authorizes the driver to drive school buses transporting children;
- (11) X--authorizes the driver to drive tank vehicles transporting hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding;
- (12) W--restricts the driver to the operation of commercial motor vehicles in accordance with a waiver for farm-related service industries issued under section 4506.24 of the Revised Code;
- (13) V--indicates the existence of a medical variance on the driver's commercial driver's license



information system driver record.

(D) In addition to any endorsement that otherwise may apply, a person who is engaged in the towing of a disabled or wrecked motor vehicle shall hold a commercial driver's license bearing any endorsement required to drive the towed vehicle except the driver is not required to have either of the following:

(1) A passenger endorsement to tow an unoccupied passenger vehicle;

(2) Any endorsement required for the wrecked or disabled vehicle when the driver initially removes a vehicle from the site of the emergency where the vehicle became wrecked or disabled to the nearest appropriate repair, disposal, or storage facility, as applicable.

(E) No person shall drive any commercial motor vehicle for which an endorsement is required under this section unless the proper endorsement appears on the person's commercial driver's license.

(F) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.