

DDS CDL Town Hall



DDS
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF DRIVER SERVICES

November 14, 2022
9:00 am



DDS CDL Town Hall



AGENDA



AREA EATERIES



Georgia Department of Driver Services

Town Hall Meeting

11/14/2022

Spencer R. Moore, Commissioner

Mission Statement

To provide secure driver and identity credentials to our customers, with excellence and respect.



Core Values

Trusted Service

Ethical Actions

Accountable to All

Motivated to Excellence

DDS Overview

DDS VOLUME

- 8,868,846 REAL-ID Enrolled Customers (99%)
- 8,443,766 Valid Drivers
- 2,348,477 Customers Served Face-to-Face FY22
- 923,314 Customers Served Online & DDS2GO FY22
- 3,271,791 Customers Served Total FY22
- ~12,000 Transactions on peak days (Tuesdays)

DDS RESOURCES

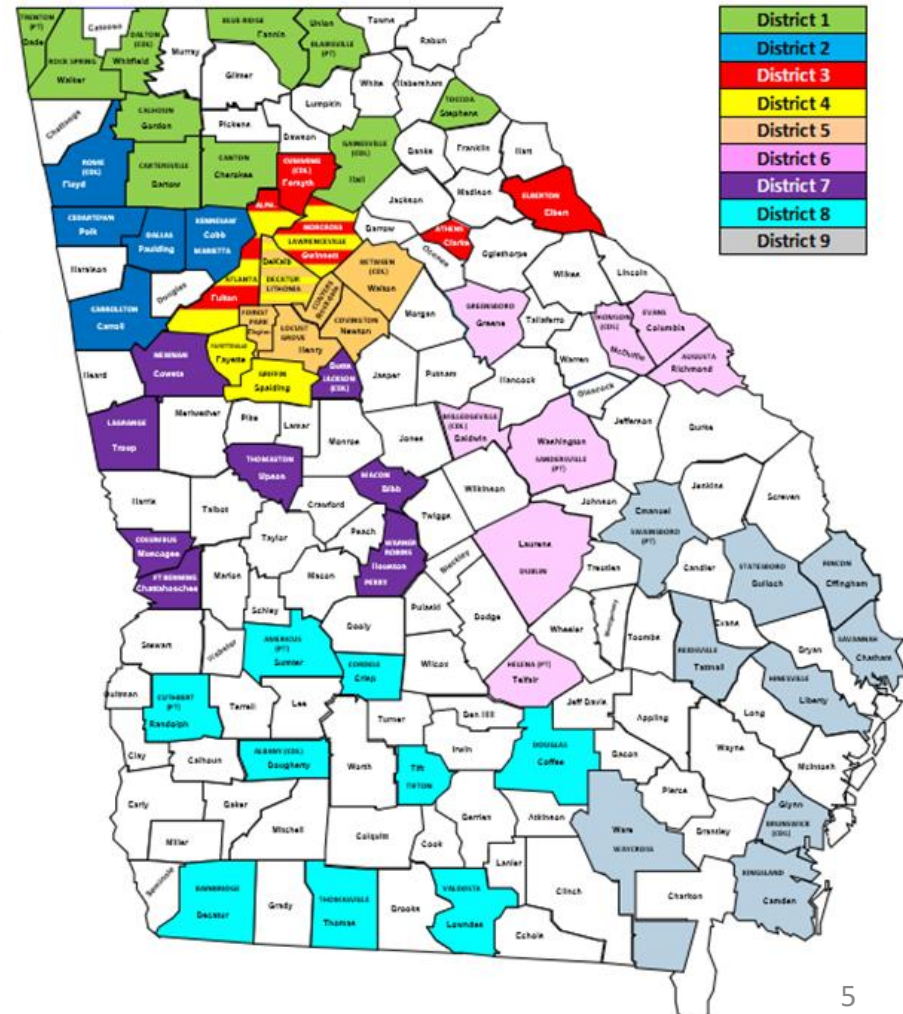
- 950+ Team Members (FTE, PTE, Contractor, Temp, & Coaches)
- 876 Programs Regulated by Agency

DDS FACILITIES

- 67 Total Locations
- 11 Owned by DDS
- 15 Shared with DPS
- 32 Owned by Local Governments
- 1 Military Bases
- 8 Private Leases
- 8 Part-Time locations
- 10 CDL Test sites
- 39 Motorcycle Test locations


[Data as of 6/30/22 unless noted otherwise.]

Department of Driver Services Customer Service Centers



Field Operations Performance

Calendar Year 2021 versus 2022

 MONTH	CUSTOMER VOLUME		AVERAGE STATEWIDE WAIT-TIME (mm:ss)		CUSTOMERS SERVED WITHIN 30 MIN. OR LESS (Statewide Goal = 95%)		PERCENTAGE OF CSC's MEETING 95% SERVICE GOAL (total CSC's = 67)		PERCENTAGE OF CSC's WITH AVG. WAIT-TIME UNDER 30 MIN. (total CSC's = 67)		LONGEST AVG. WAIT-TIME AT ANY CSC (mm:ss)	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
January	183,363	177,731	0:16:59	0:18:32	85.09	85.84	40.29%	65.67%	94.03%	91.04%	0:39:41	1:35:19
February	198,999	187,741	0:14:40	0:09:02	87.90	95.56	59.70%	91.04%	95.52%	100.00%	0:35:30	0:27:51
March	244,641	225,293	0:10:59	0:09:18	94.42	95.18	82.09%	85.07%	100.00%	100.00%	0:29:42	0:24:48
April	221,314	192,260	0:11:07	0:08:14	93.25	97.32	85.07%	91.04%	95.52%	100.00%	0:41:12	0:18:40
May	196,003	195,582	0:14:37	0:08:16	89.07	97.01	83.58%	97.01%	91.04%	100.00%	1:17:40	0:21:00
June	224,978	216,017	0:16:00	0:08:50	86.06	96.71	80.59%	94.02%	92.53%	100.00%	1:01:21	0:23:16
July	223,040	214,942	0:13:19	0:08:20	90.10	97.09	80.59%	91.04%	97.01%	100.00%	0:49:13	0:19:19
August	200,366	223,865	0:09:53	0:06:22	94.07	98.43	88.06%	97.01%	98.50%	100.00%	0:34:31	0:15:22
September	194,362	201,966	0:14:22	0:05:25	89.35	99.24	88.06%	98.48%	95.52%	100.00%	1:03:27	0:14:02
October	197,132	187,880	0:09:26	0:05:46	95.19	98.54	88.06%	97.01%	98.50%	100.00%	0:33:56	0:16:49
November	162,920	0	0:12:24	0:00:00	92.42	0.00	70.15%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0:29:18	0:00:00
December	176,059	0	0:11:31	0:00:00	92.68	0.00	77.61%	0.00%	98.50%	0.00%	0:30:53	0:00:00
Total Calendar	2,423,177	2,023,277	0:12:56	0:08:49	90.80	96.09	76.99%	90.74%	96.39%	99.10%	0:43:52	0:27:39

DDS consistently looks for new ways to enhance customer service while providing cutting edge credentialing security!

We've recently...

- Became a participant in the State-To-State Verification System
- Created a Virtual Road Test (VRT) [*non-commercial*]
- Adding Kiosks at select CSCs and select grocery store locations
- Developed Corporate Partnerships for Chatbot/Virtual Assistant
- Pursuing Mobile/Digital Driver's License (mDL)
- Continue to improve our Online Services and Mobile Offering (DDS2GO)

CDL Site Improvements

CURRENT CDL SITES:

- Albany – 2
- Between – 2
- Brunswick – 2
- Cumming – 1 (*no Class A*)
- Dalton – 2
- Gainesville – 3
- Milledgeville – 1
- Thomson – 1
- Jackson – 1
- Rome – 1
- **TOTAL CURRENTLY = 16**

COMING IN 2023:

- Douglasville – 2
- Hazlehurst – 2
- Forsyth – 1 (*actually 2, but we will lose the 1 at Jackson*)
- **TOTAL ADDING IN 2023 = 5**

TOTAL CDL TESTING PADS AT END OF 2023 - 21



Executive Order 11.23.21.01



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER



BY THE GOVERNOR:

ADDRESSING CDL DRIVER SHORTAGES

- WHEREAS:** The logistics industry is a key part of Georgia's economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The economy is facing supply chain disruptions affecting the movement of goods throughout the State; and
- WHEREAS:** An expanded workforce of individuals holding commercial driver's licenses ("CDL") is critical to alleviate these disruptions; and
- WHEREAS:** Many aspects of the trucking industry are federally regulated; and
- WHEREAS:** I have joined the governors of fourteen other states in urging the federal government to suspend regulations that prohibit national economic recovery; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to federal regulatory changes, the state should regularly review rules, regulations, and policies to identify changes that will allow for an expanded workforce without jeopardizing public safety on Georgia's roadways; and
- WHEREAS:** It is appropriate all divisions of the Executive Branch of the State work together and engage nongovernmental stakeholders to address these critical issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

- ORDERED:** That the Department of Driver Services ("DDS"), working with other state agencies, shall draft a report addressing CDL driver shortages that shall be provided to the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That the report shall identify and suggest amendments to statutes, regulations, and policies that negatively impact the availability of

CDL drivers and unreasonably limit expansion of the commercial trucking industry.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That no recommendation shall be included that jeopardizes the public's safety on Georgia's roadways.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That DDS, the Georgia Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Service continue to promote CDL training and certification opportunities for servicemen and servicewomen.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That DDS, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Community Supervision shall promote CDL training and certification opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That DDS shall collaborate with third parties, which may include, but are not limited to, the Department of Labor, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, private businesses, and other stakeholders to increase the number of training and employment opportunities for CDL drivers.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That all divisions of the executive branch shall cooperate with DDS in carrying out this Order and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as reasonably requested.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That the provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature.

This 23rd day of November 2021.


GOVERNOR

Our Response



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Recommendations Being Implemented by the DDS

1. Increase efficiency in administering CDL knowledge and road skills tests by reducing applicant waiting times.
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3. Improve applicants' access to credible resources to help them prepare for the CDL knowledge and road skills tests.
4. Modify the program used to reinstate lifetime CDL disqualifications.

Recommended Federal and State Statute Changes

1. Continue supporting federal pilot programs and legislation that allow CDL holders aged 18 to 20 years to operate commercial vehicles in interstate commerce.
2. Increase the award amount for the HOPE Career Grant to support high-quality training for new entrants into the trucking industry.
3. Review state statutes and DDS internal policies related to disqualifying CDLs due to criminal offenses or traffic

Recommendations Involving External Partners

State and Local Agencies

1. Cross-promote the Military Skills Test Waiver Program and Even Exchange Military Program with the Department of Defense, Veterans Services, and the Department of Corrections.
2. Support cross-agency partnerships and initiatives that address the barriers prospective drivers in the offender population face when entering the commercial trucking industry.
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Recommendations Involving External Partners

Other Partners

4. Advocate for a national study that investigates the CDL knowledge test pass/fail rates and the impact of the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements.
5. Request more unified American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) resources to support CDL training providers and their student drivers.

DDS's *Goal Today...*

- Listen
- Enhance Public and Private Partnerships
- Continually Improve Delivery of Service



Thank You and Let's Work Together!



**We welcome your suggestions,
questions, and comments.**



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Shenece Bryan – Epidemiologist





TOWN HALL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS IN GEORGIA



TRUCK DRIVER SHORTAGE

The American Trucking Association (ATA) estimated a **shortage of 80,000 drivers in 2021** — an additional 19,200 drivers are needed compared to the pre-pandemic estimates.





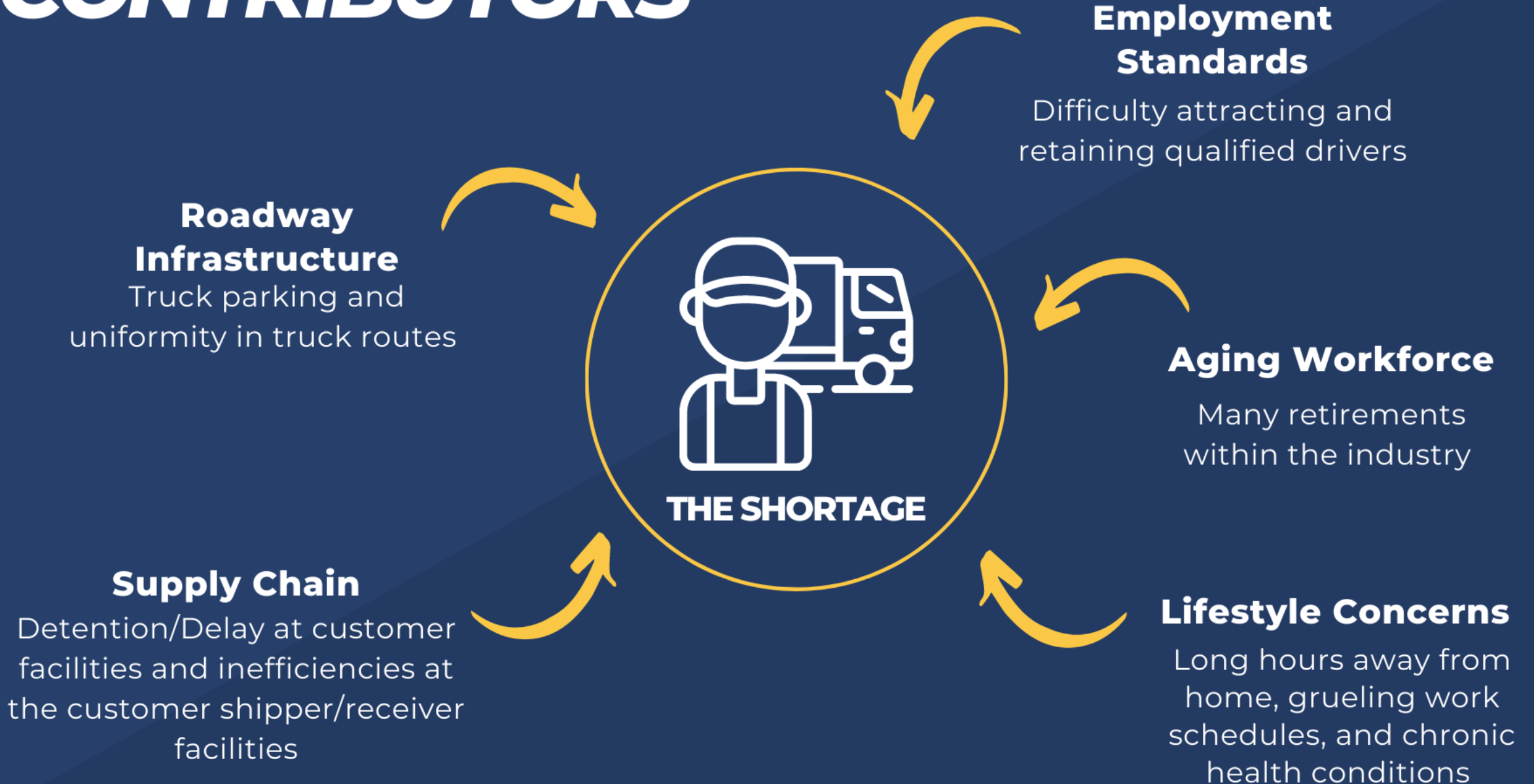
GEORGIA CMV DRIVER EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS

Georgia Department of Labor

Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers as the most demanded jobs in 2020–2022...

- 7,830 annual openings
- 6,820 annual occupational separations

CONTRIBUTORS





GEORGIA CDL HOLDERS

Licenses and Permits

Nearly **24%** of **survey respondents** with an active CDL and a registered account with DDS **do not operate** commercial motor vehicles.





GEORGIA CDL HOLDERS

Licenses and Permits

2019-2020 Percent Change...

0.4 ↓ %

423,360
Class A/B CDLs

22.0 ↓ %

14,820
New CDLs Issued

18.8 ↑ %

1,150
18-20 yr CDLs



OTHER INDUSTRY METRICS

2019-2020 Percent Change...

1.0 ↓ %

62,390
Georgia-Based
Employment
Heavy trucks

3.8 ↓ %

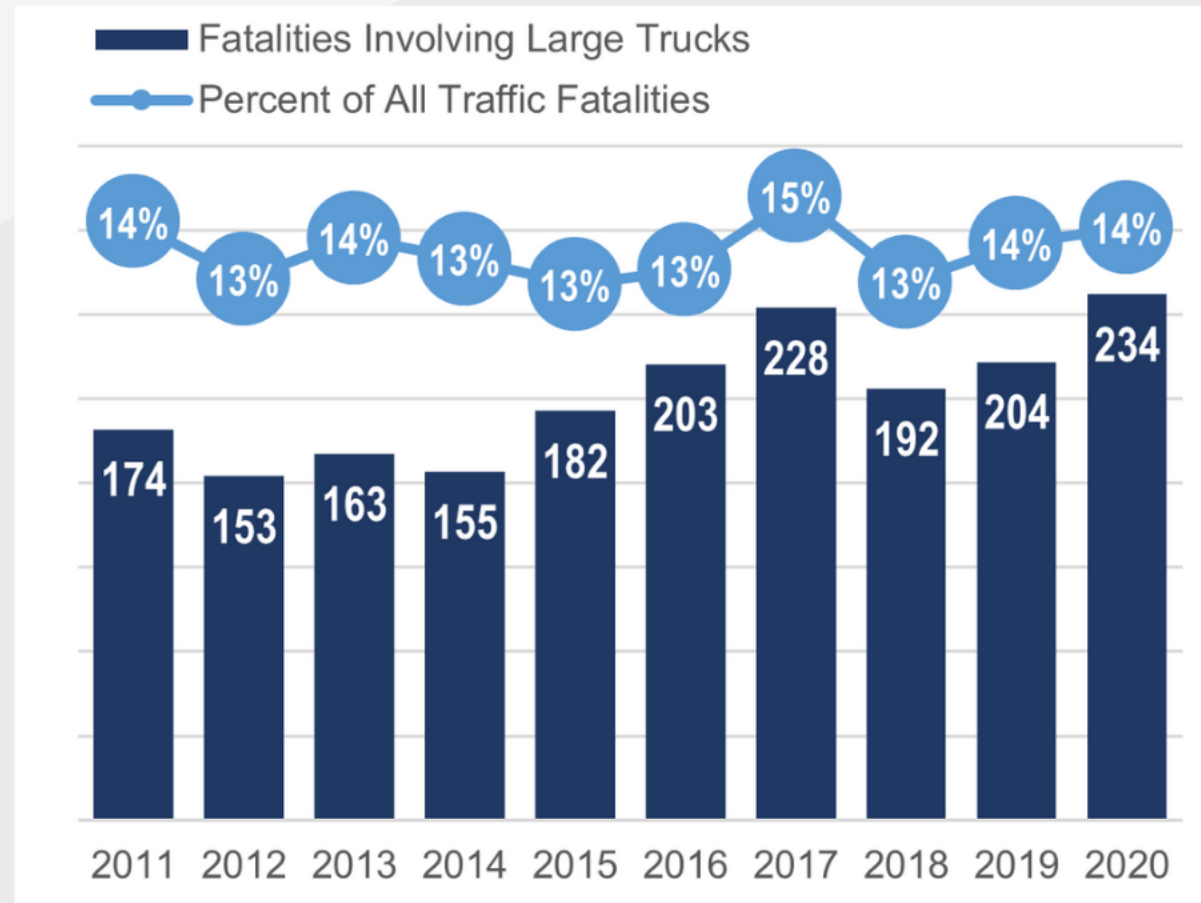
2,048,320
Registered
Trucks

1.8 ↑ %

51,082
Georgia-based
international
registration plan

CRASHES INVOLVING LARGE TRUCKS

- In 2020, 14% of all traffic fatalities involved at least one large truck—234 persons fatality injured.
- 66% of the large truck crashes that occur on Georgia roadways involved operators with a Georgia CDL and 20% were licensed from one of the five bordering states.
- Between 2019 and 2020, the rate of fatalities involving large trucks per VMT traveled by large trucks increased by 21%.



ADDRESSING SHORTAGES

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**RECOMMENDATIONS TO
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DRIVER SHORTAGES**

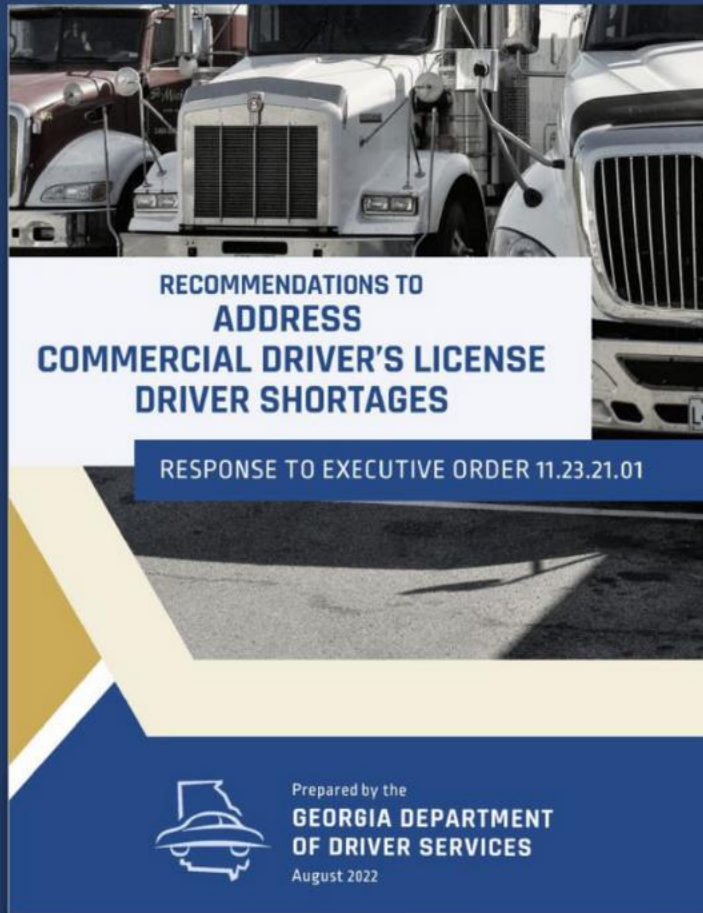
RESPONSE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 11.23.21.01



Prepared by the
**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
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August 2022

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Recommendations Recently
Implemented by the
Department of Driver Services

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Recommendations Involving
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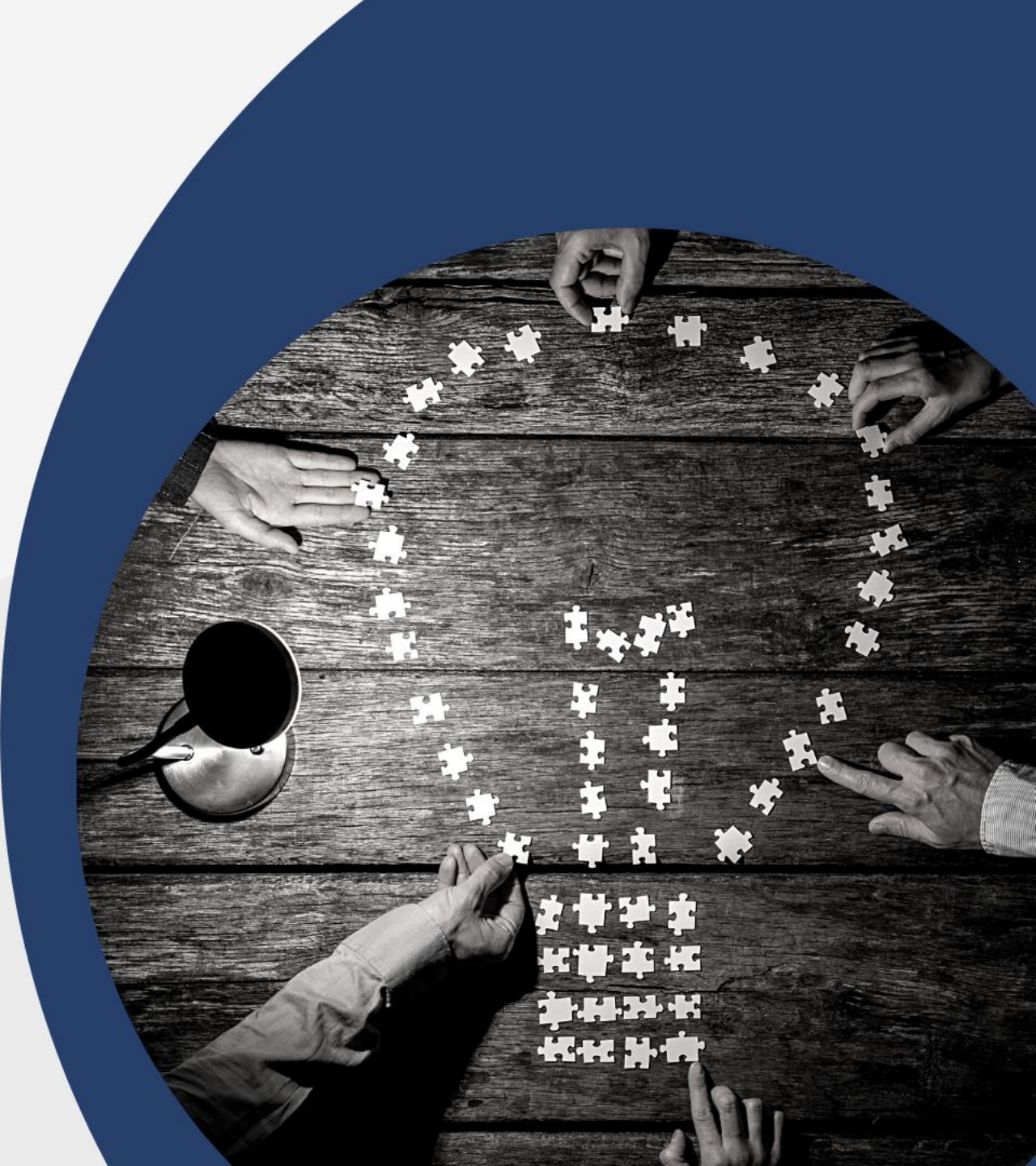
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NEXT STEPS

Continue engagement and participation in *multi-sector* and *collaborative approaches*





THANK YOU

We look forward to working with you

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FIELD OPERATIONS UPDATES

Field Operations Director
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CDL Customer Service Centers

10 CDL Sites

- **6 are open 5 days a week:**
 - Gainesville, Dalton, Cumming, Between, Albany, Brunswick
- **3 are open 4 days a week:**
 - Rome, Thomson, Milledgeville
- **1 is open 2 days a week:**
 - Jackson



CDL ROAD TEST CAPACITY

we're
MOVING!

New!

New!

- **Monroe, Douglasville, Hazelhurst** will be **full service**, have **2 carousels** and will be **open 5 days a week**.
- Effective **January 1, 2023**, we will offer **2 full testing slots** on Saturdays instead of 1.

CURRENT

Week: 259

Month: 1,036

FUTURE

Week: 389

Month: 1,556

CDL EXAMINERS

DDS

- **10 Testing Sites**
- **61 CDL Examiners** (incl. Travel Team)

Third Party Testers (TPTs)

- **94 Testing Sites**
- **155 CDL TPT Examiners**



CDL EXAMINER EDUCATION

10 Weeks of Training

- **Phase 1:** Self Study & Shadowing
- **Phase 2:** Classroom & Knowledge Exam Testing
- **Phase 3:** Classroom & Practical Training on CMV
- **Phase 4:** Certification Training and AAMVA Exam

Allocated for 112 CDL Examiners

95 Positions Filled/ 61 Certified CDL Examiners

34 Examiners Need Certification Training

Receive \$2K Supplement once certified

4 training classes this calendar year. We will double classes in 2023.



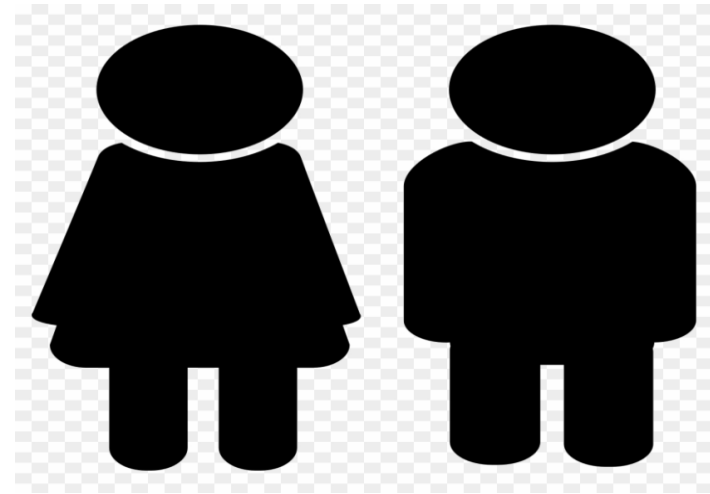
CDL TRAVEL TEAM

- **Funded by Grant from FMCSA**
- **Mission is to reduce CDL RT Backlogs**
- **Comprised of 1 Manager and 3 TMs**
 - 0 Vacancies
- **Travel across state to administer CDL RTs to Companies, CDL/ Lineman Schools, Military Installations**
- **Augment Staffing Shortages @CSCs**
- **2 Mobile Issuance Workstations**
- **2 State Vehicles**



WOMEN IN TRUCKING

Male CDL Holders	337,899 (86%)
Female CDL Holders	56,848 (14%)
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Total	394,747

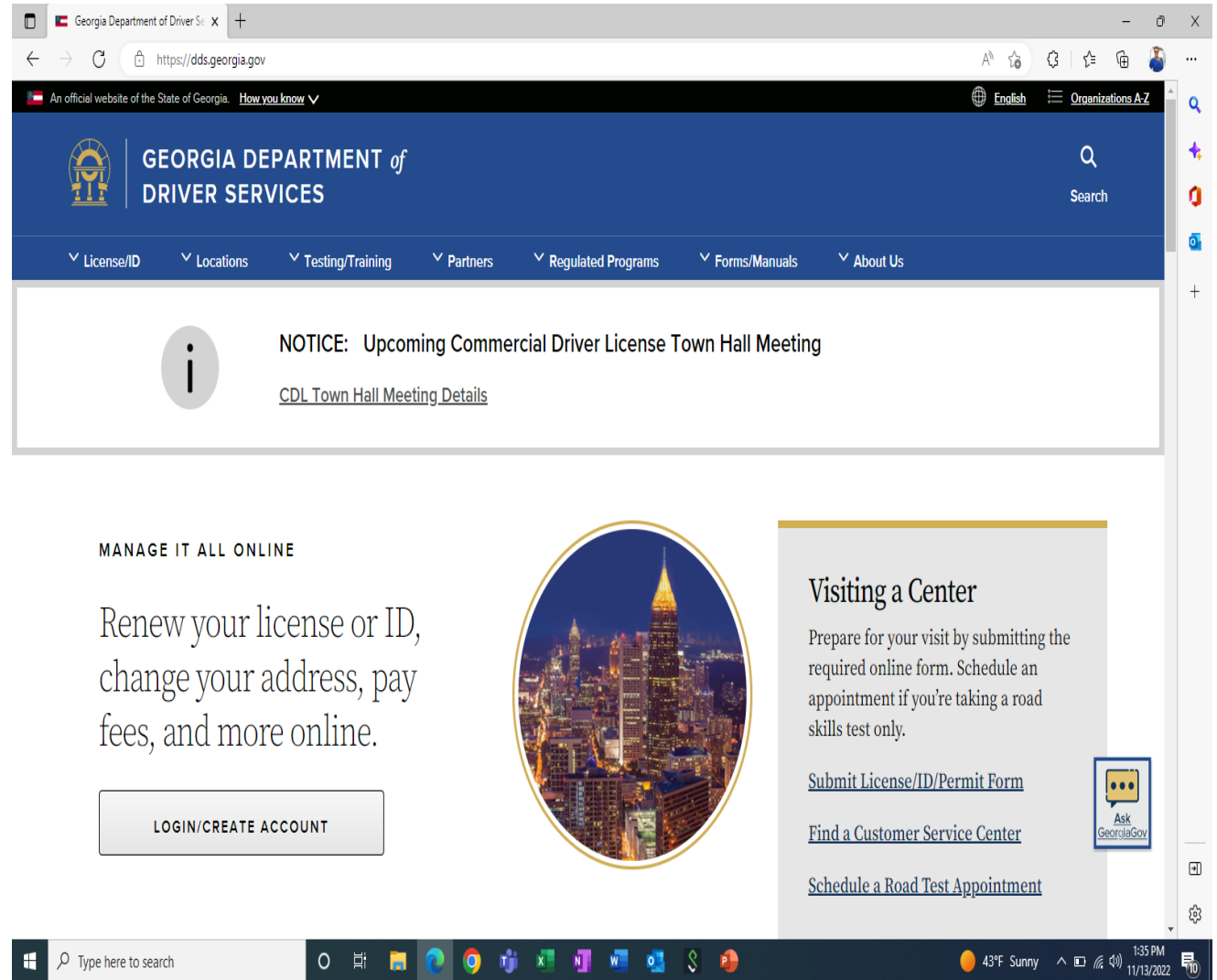


Females account for **54%** of *all* License Holders in Georgia.

ONLINE CDL ISSUANCES

- Transactions
- 2559 Updates
- 1180 Duplicates
- 789 Renewal
- 1 Reinstatement
- 4529 Total

*Convenient. Fast. User Friendly. Easy.
No visit to CSC!*



The screenshot shows the Georgia Department of Driver Services (DDS) website. The header includes the DDS logo, the text "GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of DRIVER SERVICES", and a search bar. A navigation menu lists: License/ID, Locations, Testing/Training, Partners, Regulated Programs, Forms/Manuals, and About Us. A notice banner reads: "NOTICE: Upcoming Commercial Driver License Town Hall Meeting" with a link to "CDL Town Hall Meeting Details". The main content area is titled "MANAGE IT ALL ONLINE" and describes online services: "Renew your license or ID, change your address, pay fees, and more online." Below this is a "LOGIN/CREATE ACCOUNT" button. To the right is a circular image of a city skyline. Further right is a "Visiting a Center" section with instructions to submit forms and schedule appointments, including links for "Submit License/ID/Permit Form", "Find a Customer Service Center", and "Schedule a Road Test Appointment". A "Ask GeorgiaGov" chat button is visible. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 11/13/2022 and the time as 1:35 PM.



**THANK
YOU!!**

*Brent Bennett – Director
Regulatory Compliance*

*Juenesse Holman – Dep. Director
Regulatory Compliance*



Regulatory Compliance

Regulated Programs

Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program
(GMSP)

Commercial Driver's License (CDL)
Program

DUI or Risk Reduction

Ignition Interlock

Driver Training

Third Party Testing

Driver Improvement

ADAP

Regulated Programs

The Regulatory Compliance Division provides regulatory, and support services for the following driver safety programs:

[Georgia Motorcycle Safety Program \(GMSP\)](#)

[Commercial Driver's License \(CDL\) Program](#)

[DUI or Risk Reduction Program](#)

[Ignition Interlock Program](#)

[Driver Training Program](#)

[Third Party Testing](#)

[Driver Improvement Program](#)

[ADAP Regulated Programs](#)

[For-Hire Drivers](#)

Modernized Skills Testing

- On 8/11/22, FMCSA approved a modernized CDL test – the new exam doesn't replace current tests, it's another option
- The modernized test has the same high standards for assessing an entry-level commercial driver's ability using up-to-date technology
- The modernized test improves test administration effectiveness & efficiency by allowing a smaller footprint for the basic control skills (BCS) test pads & reducing the length of the vehicle inspection (VI)
- FMCSA ELDT rules still require training on current test version, but modernized test is similar in many ways to the current version

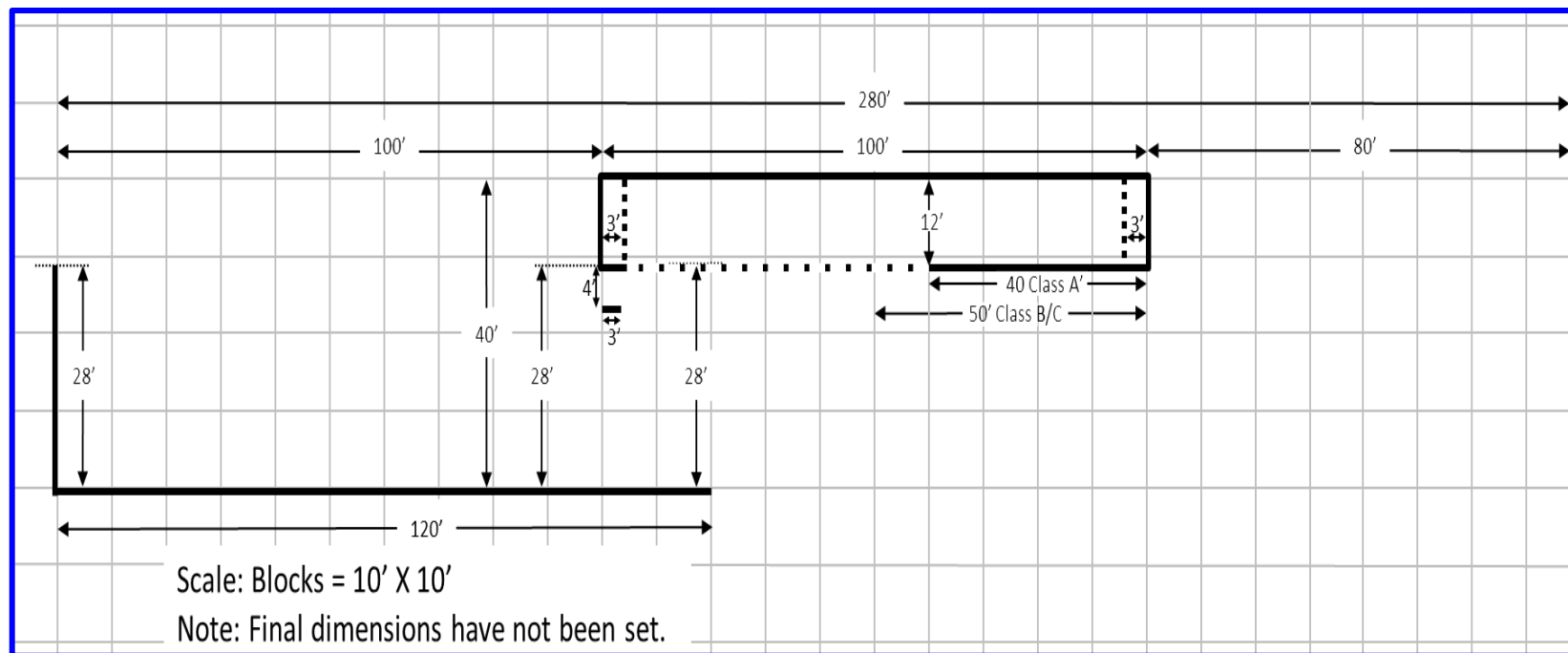
Modernized Skills Testing

- Much is the same:
 - The scoring criteria remains the same with some enhancements to the Examiner's Manual
 - Score form layout
 - Marking the score form
 - Automatic failures

Modernized Skills Testing

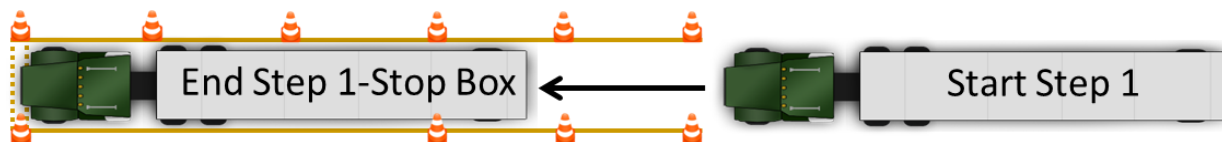
- Every applicant will perform FULL VI
- Fewer items with focus on critical safety items
- VI checklist available for applicants to use during the new exam
- New test incorporates existing maneuvers to reduce test footprint:
 - Straight-line backing
 - Offset backing
 - Parallel parking
 - Reverse docking

Modernized Skills Testing



Modernized Skills Testing

- Step 1 – Forward Stop

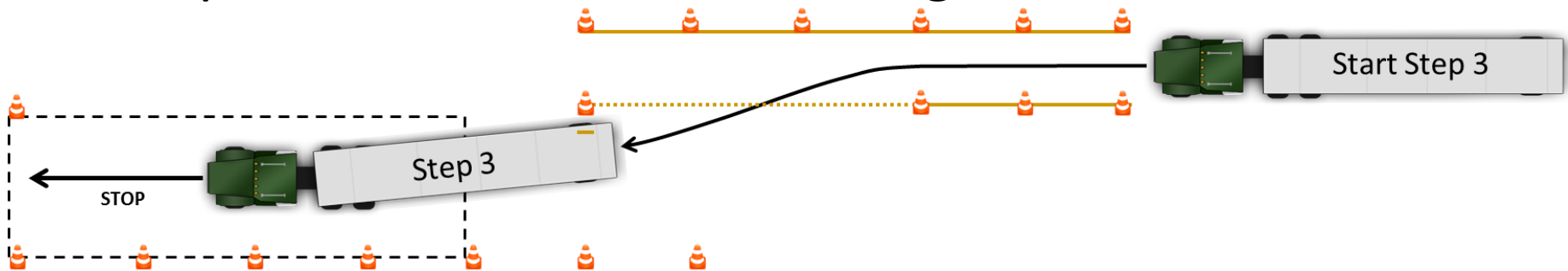


- Step 2 – Straight Line Backing

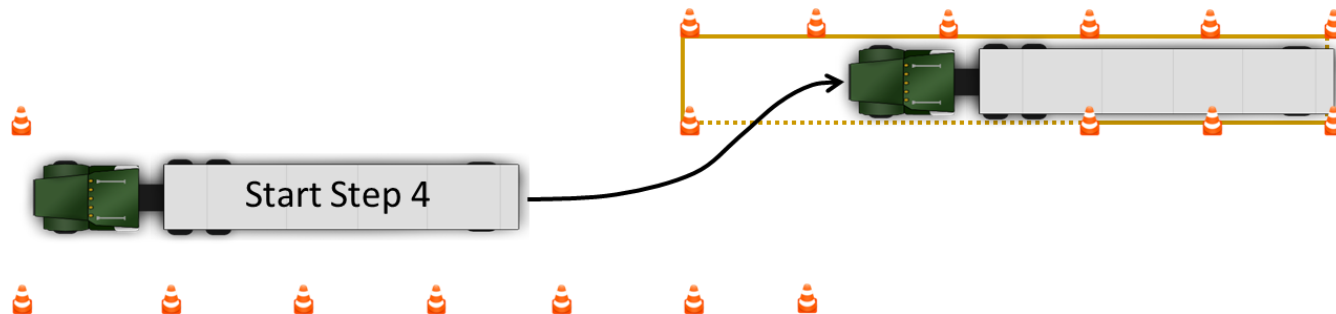


Modernized Skills Testing

- Step 3 – Forward Offset Tracking



- Step 4 – Reverse Offset Tracking



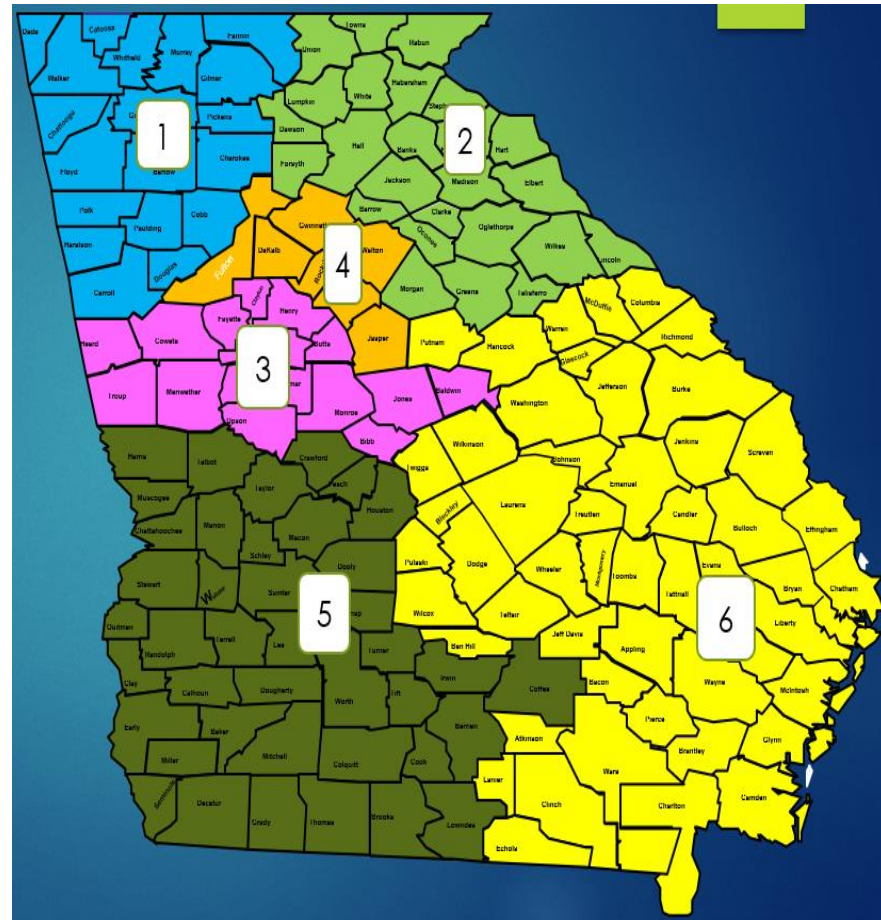
Policy Enhancements

- New Vehicle Registration Card Process
- No longer required to visit in person to approve vehicle registration card applications
- Information can now be sent electronically



Policy Enhancements

- Reinstating of monthly pass/fail/no show reports for Third Party Testers
- School Licensing
 - No longer require a full curriculum review when approving applications for branch offices of currently certified schools
- Staffing Update
 - 8 certified Skills Performance Evaluation (SPE) Examiners



Policy Enhancements



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- Effective November 23, 2021

Policy Enhancements

CDL Task Force

- Established December 2021
 - Executive Leadership
 - Agency Division Directors
 - Program Management Office
 - Regulatory Compliance
- Contracted with Shenee Bryan
Epidemiologist
*Georgia Governor's Office of
Highway Safety*
- Developed action items to address
items in the Executive Order



Policy Enhancements

- CDL Task Force
 - Proposed DDS Rule Amendments
 - Allow out-of-state drivers to be considered for a reduction in lifetime disqualification to 10 years
 - Eliminates the intrastate and the P and S endorsement restrictions
 - Must show proof of successful commercial driving record in State of Record
 - Decrease wait time for skills retesting



Policy Enhancements



- CDL Task Force
 - Increase in Third-Party Testing
 - Proposed reduction in fleet size for qualification for TPT
 - Reviewing CDL schools eligible to apply to become Third-Party Testers
 - Targeting support to low performing TPTs

Policy Enhancements

- CDL Task Force
 - Modified CDL Road Skills for applicants seeking to remove the E restriction
 - Updating training video for CDL Customers – “Meet the Truck”
 - Human Trafficking Truck Trailor Wrap



Policy Enhancements



Working group

CDL Working Group

- Field Operations
- State CDL Examiners representing all 10 CDL sites
- Regulatory
- Identified areas to increase consistency in CDL Skills Test scoring
 - Alternative acceptable language for Vehicle Inspection
 - Reviewed DDS CDL Manual and website for gaps in information
 - Published job aid to report findings
 - CDL Examiner refresher training
 - Fall 2022

CONTACTING REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

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DDS *Contact Information*

WEBSITE: www.dds.georgia.gov

DDS Contact Center: **678-413-8400**

LICENSE STATUS CHECK: **404-657-9400**

<https://online.dds.Georgia.gov/DLStatus>

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

FMCSA – GEORGIA DIVISION

STATE PROGRAM SPECIALIST RUSSELL THOMPSON

SAFETY INVESTIGATOR – TERRENCE WILKERSON

ELDT UPDATE

- Effective February 7, 2022
 - Standardized training for all entry-level commercial motor vehicle drivers to enhance safety
 - Ensures drivers who previously held a commercial license class or endorsement are not required to complete ELDT

ELDT Entry-Level Driver Training

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Entry-Level Driver Training Requirements for CDL Applicants

The new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations require that all entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) receive training from a provider listed on [FMCSA's Training Provider Registry](#).

Beginning February 7, 2022, to be eligible to take required skills or knowledge tests, commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants must have completed applicable entry-level driver training from a registered training provider.

Use the scenario chart below to determine if you are required to complete entry-level driver training.

If	Then
A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022...	The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training, as long as the driver obtains a CDL before the CLP expires.
A driver was issued a CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement before February 7, 2022...	The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training for the previously-issued license or endorsement, even if it has since lapsed.
A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022, but the CLP expires before the driver applies for his or her CDL...	The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training.
A driver obtains a CLP on or after February 7, 2022...	The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training.
A driver held a CDL prior to the compliance date, and applies for an upgrade to a higher class of CDL, or an S, P, or H endorsement for the first time on or after February 7, 2022...	The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training for the class of CDL to which the driver is upgrading or the endorsement(s) for which the driver is applying.

ELDT EXCEPTIONS. The ELDT regulations do not apply to individuals that are not required to have a CDL as outlined in 49 CFR part 383, or for whom the state has waived the CDL skills test.

What must drivers do to meet the ELDT requirements?


Complete training with a registered training provider
Entry-level drivers must select a training provider that is listed on the Training Provider Registry. Only registered training providers will be able to submit certification of a driver's completion of entry-level driver training to the Training Provider Registry.

When am I eligible to take my CDL skills or knowledge test?
Training must be completed before taking a CDL skills test or, if the driver is applying for the H endorsement, the knowledge test.

If the State Driver Licensing Agency cannot electronically verify that these requirements are met, the State is not permitted to administer the CDL skills or knowledge test to the driver.



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CLEARINGHOUSE



SDLA COMPLIANCE WITH FMCSA's CLEARINGHOUSE-II FINAL RULE

What is the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse?

FMCSA's Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) is a secure online database that gives State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs), State law enforcement, FMCSA, and employers of CDL drivers real-time information about commercial driver drug and alcohol program violations.

To learn more about how the Clearinghouse improves safety, download the [Clearinghouse Factsheet](#).

FINAL RULE INFORMATION

**Federal Register
Publication Date:**

October 7, 2021

Compliance Date:

November 18, 2024

Effective Date:

November 8, 2021

**Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Regulation
Parts Affected:**

Parts 382, 383, 384,
390, and 392

Vision Standard Final Rule – Jan 21, 2022

- The Qualification of Drivers, Vision Standard final rule requires that at least annually, an individual who does not satisfy, with the worse eye, either the distant visual acuity standard with corrective lenses or the field of vision standard, or both, must be medically examined and certified by a Medical Examiner as physically qualified to operate a CMV.
- The ME must receive a completed Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, that is signed and dated by an ophthalmologist or optometrist before each required physical qualification examination. The examination conducted by the ME must begin not more than 45 days after an ophthalmologist or optometrist signs and dates the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871.

Federal Seizure Exemption Application

- The Federal seizure exemption application is used by individuals newly applying to obtain a Federal seizure exemption. All requested information must be submitted to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for consideration.
- Criteria can be reviewed here:
- <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/new-seizure-applicant-doc-email-version>
- Last updated 3/29/2022

Insulin-Treated Diabetes

- As a part of the medical certification process for insulin treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) individuals, the FMCSA requires that the Insulin Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form(ITDM), MCSA-5870, be completed by the (ITDM) Individual's Treating Clinician attesting that the individual has a stable insulin regimen and properly controlled diabetes.
- ITDM individuals are required to provide the ITDM Assessment Form, MCSA-5870 to the Certified Medical Examiner within 45 days of completion by the Treating Clinician.



QUESTIONS.....

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Panel Discussion



Brad Barber – Georgia Driving Academy

Panel Discussion



*Mike Sanders – Director of Pupil Transportation –
GA Dept of Education*

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