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**Sec. 14-261a-1. Procedure to obtain a class 1A license**

To obtain a Class 1A license to operate commercial vehicle combinations on designated roads in Connecticut, an application shall be submitted to the Wethersfield office of the Department of Motor Vehicles. If the application and screening process result in favorable consideration of the application, the applicant will be scheduled for a Class 1A road test unless such road test is waived pursuant to subsection (g) of Section 14-261a-3. It will be necessary for the applicant to provide a tractor and two trailers of the type authorized to be used in a commercial vehicle combination. The trailers are to be brought to the test site independently and not in combination except when the commercial vehicle combination is being operated pursuant to a permit issued by the commissioner of transportation as provided in subsection (a) of Section 3 of Public Act No. 84-372.

(Effective March 22, 1985)

**Sec. 14-261a-2. Applicant holds class 1 license**

The following procedures shall apply with respect to an applicant for a Connecticut Class 1A motor vehicle operator's license if the applicant holds a valid Connecticut Class 1 license:

(a) Applicant has held Class 1 license or a Class 1 and equivalent license from another jurisdiction for at least 3 years.

(b) Applicant completes application form and pays statutory examination fee.

(c) Applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that he has successfully completed the physical examination as prescribed by Section 14-44-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies or an equivalent physical examination within the past two years.

(d) Applicant's driving record checked.

(e) Applicant approved by supervising inspector to take practical examination.

(f) Applicant tested for ability to hitch-up tractor and units making up commercial vehicle combination as defined in Public Act No. 84-372. Road test over prescribed course.

(g) If applicant is determined by the examining inspector to have successfully completed the examination and is otherwise qualified a type 1A license is issued.

(Effective March 22, 1985)

**Sec. 14-261a-3. Applicant does not hold Connecticut class 1 license**

The following procedures shall apply with respect to an applicant for a Connecticut Class 1A motor vehicle operator's license if the applicant does not hold a valid Connecticut Class 1 license.

(a) Applicant completes application for Connecticut motor vehicle operator's license and pays statutory examination fee.

(b) Applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that he has successfully completed the physical examination as prescribed by Section 14-44-1 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies or an equivalent physical examination within the past two years.

(c) Applicant submits certified copy of driving record from jurisdiction in which he holds a valid motor vehicle operator's license.

(d) Applicant submits proof that he or she has held a license at least equivalent to a Class 1 from another jurisdiction for a minimum period of three years (certified statement from present jurisdiction).

(e) Applicant's Connecticut driver's history checked.

(f) Applicant approved by supervising inspector to take practical examination.

(g) Applicant tested for ability to hitch-up tractor and other units making up commercial vehicle combination as defined in Section 14-260n of the General Statutes. Road test over prescribed course. Road test may be waived if applicant demonstrates to the commissioner that he has had at least five years experience in operating commercial vehicle combinations. Certification as to five years experience may be from licensing authority or in lieu of such certification, an affidavit from an employer stating applicant has operated commercial vehicle combinations for a minimum of five years.

(h) If applicant is determined by the examining inspector to have successfully completed the examination and is otherwise qualified a type 1A license is issued upon payment of the statutory license fee.

(i) An out-of-state applicant who is granted a Class 1A license will be allowed to retain his home state operator's license; however, the Connecticut Class 1A license issued will be stamped "valid in CT only" on its face in 3/8 inch high letters.

(Effective March 22, 1985)

#### **Secs. 14-261a-4—14-261a-5.**

Repealed, March 22, 1985.

### **Commercial Vehicle Combination Safety Inspection Program**

#### **Sec. 14-261a-6. Definition of commercial vehicle combination**

In order to establish and maintain the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program provided for in Subsection (c) of Section 14-261a of the General Statutes a commercial vehicle combination shall be regarded as consisting of the following three units:

- (1) Tractor
- (2) First trailer
- (3) Second trailer

(Effective January 24, 1986)

#### **Sec. 14-261a-7. Examination and testing**

Each commercial vehicle combination operating on Connecticut highways shall be examined or tested on a staggered annual basis with respect to its:

- (1) Brakes
- (2) Tires
- (3) Wheels
- (4) Mirrors
- (5) Operating controls
- (6) Glazing
- (7) Lighting devices
- (8) Suspension
- (9) Steering
- (10) Exhaust system
- (11) Electrical system

(Effective January 24, 1986)

**Sec. 14-261a-8. Passing sticker**

A sticker will be affixed to each component unit of a commercial vehicle combination upon its passing such examination or test. On and after October 1, 1985, a sticker will only be issued to the tractor of a commercial vehicle combination provided the person, firm, corporation or association which operates such vehicle has a preventive maintenance program approved by the commissioner.

(Effective January 24, 1986)

**Sec. 14-261a-9. Waiver of examination or testing**

The examination or test required pursuant to Section 14-261a of the General Statutes and this regulation may be waived if the commercial vehicle combination bears an equivalent certificate of inspection issued by another state.

(Effective January 24, 1986)

**Sec. 14-261a-10. Establishment of staggered inspection system**

To establish a staggered inspection system for commercial vehicle combinations the total number of commercial vehicle combinations registered in Connecticut shall be divided into twelve groups consisting of an approximately equal number of commercial vehicle combinations. In no case shall the number of commercial vehicle combinations assigned to be examined or tested in any month exceed or be less than 10% of the average monthly assignment except such limits may be exceeded in the event such scheduling results in fewer than fifty commercial vehicle combinations being assigned to any given month. In the event less than fifty commercial vehicle combinations are assigned to a month they may be reassigned to another month so long as either no more than fifty are scheduled for inspection in such month or the limits established by this section are not exceeded. Each commercial vehicle combination shall be inspected annually during the same month it was initially inspected. Each inspection sticker issued for any unit of a commercial vehicle combination shall indicate the month and year in which the next annual inspection of such unit is required. The initial monthly period for which a commercial vehicle combination is scheduled for inspection shall be determined by a random data processing selection process.

(Effective January 24, 1986)

**Sec. 14-261a-11. Time limitation for testing or examining upon reentering this state**

Any commercial vehicle combination which is outside the state during the entire period when it is scheduled for inspection shall have ten days after reentering this state to complete the test or examination required by Section 14-261a of the General Statutes and this regulation.

(Effective January 24, 1986)