

# CDL Program Vanishes!



Dear Half-Mast,

I've been trying to find information on the Army commercial driver's license (CDL) training program. Our platoon sergeant says we need to get endorsements for air brakes now, but I'm having no luck finding any info on CDL training. I'm sure I read about it somewhere. Am I just imagining things?

SSG D.T.

Dear Sergeant D.T.,

First, the good news—rest easy, you're not dreaming up a mythical course. The bad news is the Army ended the official CDL training program back in 1996.

Training for most Army commercial vehicles like buses or M915s is now handled by unit master drivers or installation troop schools.

Many Army vehicles have air brakes now. Air brake qualifications can be added to the Equipment Operator's Qualification Record, either the manual DA Form 348 or automated 348-E version, or to the US Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card (OF 346/5984).

Finally, even though the official Army CDL course is kaput, you can still refer to TC 21-305-100, *The Military Commercial Driver's License Driver's Manual* (Aug 96). If you have a CAC, you can grab this oldie but goodie at:

[https://armypubs.us.army.mil/doctrine/DR\\_pubs/dr\\_aa/pdf/tc21\\_305\\_100.pdf](https://armypubs.us.army.mil/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_aa/pdf/tc21_305_100.pdf)

Also check out the Army Driver Standardization Office (ADSO) website at:

[http://www.transchool.lee.army.mil/adso/adso\\_index.htm](http://www.transchool.lee.army.mil/adso/adso_index.htm)

If you have questions about driver qualifications or training, contact ADSO at DSN 539-1859/1955, (804)765-1859/1955, or email:

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