



# Should you be driving that?



As long as you are only driving a pickup or automobile you just need a regular driver's license (class R).

## What about buses, large vans, bucket trucks, dump trucks, ... that are used all over campus in many different departments?

You must have a commercial driver's license (CDL) :

### Class A Commercial License

- single vehicle with a GVWR of more than 26,000 pounds.
- trailer with a GVWR of more than 10,000 pounds if the gross combination weight rating is more than 26,000 pounds.
- class "A" license also allows you to operate Class B and C vehicles.



### Class B Commercial License

- allows you to operate single vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs or more OR a gross combination weight rating (GCWR) of 26,001 lbs. or more, towing trailers/vehicles rated at 10,000 pounds GVWR or less.
- class "B" license also allows you to operate Class C vehicles.

### Class C Commercial License

- allows you to operate vehicles under 26,001 lbs. GVWR;
- that are designed to transport 16 or more persons including the driver;
- or that carry 15 or less people (including the driver) transporting children to or from school and home regularly for compensation,
- carry hazardous materials in amounts requiring placarding.



### Class D Commercial License

- when operating a vehicle under 26,000 GVWR as a common carrier. This does not apply to the majority of MSU operations because a common carrier is defined as "transport passengers or property for the general public in interstate or intrastate commerce..." MSU is usually transporting for itself not the general public.

Endorsements are necessary for certain commercial driving requirements as follows . . .

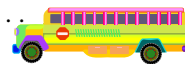
(T) DOUBLE or TRIPLE TRAILERS.

(P) PASSENGER. For vehicles which are designed to carry 16 or more people (including the driver); or those which carry 15 or less people (including the driver) transporting children to or from school and home regularly for compensation.

(N) TANK VEHICLES. For vehicles designed to haul liquids or liquefied gases in bulk in permanently mounted tanks or portable tanks rated at 1,000 gallons or more.

(H) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. To carry hazardous materials in amounts requiring placards.

(X) Endorsement code designating a Tank (N) vehicle that carries Hazardous Materials (H).



**Check all vehicle that may possibly be used by your department  
And make sure drivers have the appropriate license!**

Some of the boom/bucket/auger trucks are around 31,000 GVWR = class A or B CDL  
**To find most vehicle's GVWR look on the inside door jam or door.**