

CDL Driver English Proficiency Assessment Checklist

Driver Name: _____

Date: _____

Assessor Name: _____

Position Applied For: _____

1. Conversational English

Assess the driver's ability to understand and respond to basic spoken English.

- Pass Fail - Greeted and responded appropriately to a basic introduction
- Pass Fail - Answered simple questions about background (e.g., where are you from?)
- Pass Fail - Followed a brief spoken instruction (e.g., 'Please walk to that door and return.')

2. Reading Comprehension

Assess the driver's ability to read and understand written English.

- Pass Fail - Read aloud a traffic sign (e.g., 'No U-Turn') and explained its meaning
- Pass Fail - Read a short paragraph from the driver manual and summarized it
- Pass Fail - Read a sample logbook entry or form and answered questions

3. Written Communication

Assess the driver's ability to complete forms and write simple statements.

- Pass Fail - Completed a sample driver logbook form accurately
- Pass Fail - Wrote a brief sentence about their last job (e.g., 'I drove a flatbed truck for 3 years.')
- Pass Fail - Completed a mock roadside inspection form

4. Road Instruction Comprehension

Assess understanding of verbal instructions during a vehicle walk-around or test drive.

- Pass Fail - Understood and followed instructions during a pre-trip inspection

- Pass Fail - Responded appropriately to directions during a short road test

Assessment Result

Pass - Meets FMCSA English proficiency standards

Fail - Additional training or ESL support recommended

Assessor Comments: