

highway in this State unless a Class B commercial driver's license or an appropriately endorsed Class B commercial driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

(c) (1) A Class C commercial driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive the following motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles:

(i) Any single vehicle less than 26,001 pounds gross vehicle weight [(GVW)] RATING (GVWR);

(ii) Any such vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of 10,000 pounds [GVW] GVWR; and

(iii) Any vehicle which a noncommercial Class C driver's license authorizes its holder to drive, except for motorcycles.

(2) An individual who is issued a Class C commercial driver's license under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this State unless a Class C commercial driver's license or an appropriately endorsed Class C commercial driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

(d) (1) A commercial driver's instructional permit authorizes the holder to operate commercial motor vehicles of Class A, B, and C subject to the conditions of Subtitle 1 of this title.

(2) An instructional permit is not a license within the meaning of the single license restriction placed upon drivers of commercial motor vehicles.

(e) (1) In addition to the requirements contained in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, an operator must obtain State-issued endorsements of an operator's commercial driver's license to operate commercial motor vehicles which are:

(i) Double/triple trailers;

(ii) Vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver (passenger vehicles);

(iii) School buses; or

(iv) Tank vehicles.

(2) A school bus endorsement authorized under this subsection is also an endorsement for vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver (passenger vehicles).

(f) (1) In addition to the requirements contained in subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, an operator must obtain a State-issued endorsement of an operator's commercial driver's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle that is required to be placarded for hazardous materials.