



2023 School Bus CDL Exam Surge

In response to Maine’s ongoing school bus driver shortage, Maine BMV convened a working group with multiple school districts, Cyr Bus lines, the Maine Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT), and Maine’s Department of Education (DOE).

As an outcome of those discussions, Maine BMV will hold two “surge” events to help school bus applicants accomplish their skills/road exams, and provide a single rapid re-test opportunity if needed. Locations and dates were selected by the working group, and were chosen to avoid other key summer activities in the school bus community.

Examiners will “surge” to conduct up to 15 daily exams during the first 2 days at each site.

BMV will distribute, via MAPT and DOE, final process instructions by 5 June.

Timelines: **Note the milestones are different for each location******

Bangor Airport CDL Lot
5 July – Employers send names to BMV
5 July – Applicant must have CLP
17 July – BMV verifies ELDT completion
25 & 26 July – Initial Skills/Road Exams
27 July – Re-tests if needed

Scarborough DoT Lot
12 July – Employers send names to BMV
12 July – Applicant must have CLP
24 July – BMV verifies ELDT completion
1 & 2 August – Initial Skills/Road Exams
3 August – Re-tests if needed



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