

# CHANGES TO MICHIGAN CDL ISSUANCE POLICIES

## **FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS PROHIBITED (May 4, 2015)**

Interpreters will not be allowed to assist applicants with the written CDL knowledge tests at Secretary of State Branch offices. This policy is effective beginning Monday, May 4, 2015.

Interpreters also are not allowed to assist with CDL driving skills test. Hearing-impaired applicants should contact a tester to learn about the availability of special procedures for their CDL driving skills tests.

## **WAITING PERIOD FOR A CDL SKILLS TEST (July 8, 2015)**

An applicant for a CDL must hold a Commercial Learner's Permit—the CDL temporary instruction permit—for 14 days prior to taking a CDL driving skills test. This policy is effective beginning July 8, 2015.

Also, all CDL skills tests are subject to observation by State and Federal officials. CDL skills testers must report each scheduled CDL skills test at least two business days prior to the test.

## **NEW CDL RESTRICTIONS (July 8, 2015)**

Manual transmission- A driver who tests in a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) equipped with an automatic transmission is restricted from driving a CMV equipped with a manual transmission.

Tractor/trailer- A driver who tests for a CDL group A designation in a CMV that is not a tractor/trailer combination vehicle will be restricted from driving a tractor/trailer combination vehicle.

Partial air brake- A driver who tests in a CMV equipped with an air-over-hydraulic brake system will be restricted from driving a vehicle equipped with a full air brake system.

These new restrictions are in addition to current CDL restrictions. They become effective beginning July 8, 2015.