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<b>What is CDL Third Party Testing?</b>	State law allows authorized persons other than employees of the department to administer CDL skills tests to applicants for a commercial drivers license (CDL).
<b>What is a CDL Third Party Tester?</b>	A private employer, agency, or person or political subdivision authorized by the department to administer the third party testing program.
<b>Who is a Third Party Examiner?</b>	A person who is employed by a third party testing company, who is trained and certified by the department to conduct CDL skills tests.
<b>What is required of Third Party Testers?</b>	A company, agency, or person who wishes to be a testing company must meet all department requirements for place of business, employ at least one third party examiner, employ one official who is responsible for the organization's third party testing program, conduct at least 10 CDL skills tests annually, and agree to have their program audited/inspected by the department or Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), with or without prior notice.
<b>Are there special requirements for being a Third Party Examiner?</b>	Third party examiners must hold a valid certificate issued by the department. They must possess a valid Wisconsin CDL with classification and endorsements necessary for operation of the class and type of CMV used in the CDL Skills tests conducted by the examiner. Examiners must have at least two years of licensed experience operating the class of CMV they intend to test. Examiners must have an exemplary driving record within past four years. Third Party Examiners receive the same sanctioned CDL skills test training course as employees of the department. Third Party Examiners must conduct a minimum of 10 CDL skills test annually.
<b>What does it cost to be a Third Party Tester?</b>	A third party tester must pay \$1,800.00 for training costs and annual application fees of \$100 plus \$25 for each examiner they employ. Third party tester authorization expires each year on December 31st.
<b>Do Third Party Testers charge for the tests they conduct?</b>	Third party examiners may charge a fee for the skills tests they conduct, but may not exceed the fee set by the department. An additional fee may be charged if the Third Party Examiner provides the use of a vehicle. The third party testing company retains all fees collected for administering skills tests.
<b>Do Third Party Testers issue the CDL?</b>	Third party testing companies only administer the CDL skills tests. The driver must make application for a CDL, take the necessary knowledge tests, pay the licensing fee and have the license processed at a DMV Customer Service Center.
<b>How many testers and examiners are in the program?</b>	There are 100 Third Party Testing Companies nearly 200 Third Party examiners in the program, including those who are certified to test school buses.
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