The path to adding Passenger P

1. Confirm the correct CDL class, age/operating eligibility and restrictions for the passenger vehicle with a Florida licensing office.

2. Study the required knowledge areas and arrange the relevant knowledge tests and P learner-permit process. P requires both knowledge and skills testing.

3. Complete applicable Passenger ELDT theory and behind-the-wheel training with registered providers before the skills test. Confirm any exemption rather than assuming one.

4. Follow supervised CLP practice conditions. A P permit prohibits ordinary passenger carriage; limited authorized persons include examiners, inspectors, trainees and the qualified accompanying CDL holder.

5. Meet the permit holding requirement: the federal CLP rule bars a skills test during the first 14 days after initial issuance. Confirm the applicable Florida endorsement/upgrade process with the office.

6. Pass the skills test in a qualifying passenger vehicle and finish issuance. Verify P and any restrictions on the credential. Confirm current documents, scheduling and fees directly.

Sources: 49 CFR 383.25, 383.117; FMCSA Drivers and ELDT. This guide supplies no training-provider completion record.

FREE PREVIEW | 5 pages from the 49-page Passenger review guide.
Page 1: qualification context. Pages 2-4: one complete illustrated inspection lesson. Page 5: sources. This is an extract, not the full guide.

02. Inspect the bus before departure

Goal: Inspect the passenger space as carefully as the outside.

Vehicle systems | **Passenger space** | **Resolve defects**

Learning map only - follow the complete applicable procedure.

Review prior inspection findings and confirm required repairs before accepting the bus. Check brakes, steering, lights, mirrors, tires, wheels and required emergency equipment. Front bus tires must not be recapped or regrooved. Inside, examine handrails, seats, floor covering, exit handles, signs and warning devices. Keep aisles and stairwells clear.

Key terms: Handhold: passenger grip. Emergency exit: designated escape opening. Defect report: record of safety problems.

Do not depart with an open emergency exit door/window or an unresolved safety defect. Check roof-hatch settings against the vehicle instructions; an open hatch can change overhead clearance.

Source: Florida handbook 4.1.1-4.1.5; supporting Section 2.

02. Illustrated lesson



Inspect the passenger environment

Look for the central aisle, step edges, handrails, mounted seats and visible exit hardware. Check actual handles, warning devices and signs on the real bus. A clear-looking illustration does not prove inspection compliance.

Original generated illustrative artwork. Study it with Lesson 2; equipment details vary.

Use the illustration
1. Trace the central aisle: can people move through it? 2. Locate handholds: check their security on the real bus. 3. Find exit hardware: verify actual operation and warnings.

02. Apply it and check

Worked example

A seat rocks loose during inspection, although the engine and lights work. Report and resolve the seating defect before carrying riders; one working system cannot cancel another unsafe item.

Try before checking

1. Does a working engine prove passenger safety?

2. What do you do about a loose seat?

3. Why inspect after an unattended stop?

Answers and reasoning

1. No. Seats, rails, exits, floor and other systems still need checking.

2. Report and resolve the defect before carrying riders.

3. Passenger areas and safety equipment may have been damaged or obstructed.

Review source: Florida handbook 4.1.1-4.1.5; supporting Section 2.

Sources and review notes

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