

# School Transportation

Chapter 82 School Bus Driver Fitness Determination – Repeal  
Q & A Update 04/03/18

## Introduction

The enacted repeal of Code of Maine Regulations 05-071 Chapter 82 School Bus Driver Fitness Determination became effective on March 25, 2018. Current motor vehicle laws provide substantial protections for public safety. The repeal supports local school districts in the selection and hiring of school bus drivers. The repeal affects those bus drivers hired by public schools. Public school bus drivers must still have a commercial driver's license (CDL) with a school bus endorsement for school bus operation pursuant to Maine Motor Vehicle Statutes 29-A M.R.S. § 2303. More information regarding commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL endorsements including for school bus operation is available on the following Bureau of Motor Vehicle websites:

- <http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/commercialexam.html>
- <http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/forms/index.html>

## Q and A

**Q: Is a school bus driver physical examination required for Maine school bus drivers?**

A: Yes. A school bus driver physical examination is required for Maine school bus drivers.

**Q: What is the required frequency for a Maine school bus driver physical examination?**

A: Maine school bus drivers are required to complete an annual physical examination.

**Q: If a Maine school bus driver completed a physical examination within the past year, is that examination valid now?**

A: Existing school bus driver physical examinations are valid for one year from the date of the exam.

**Q: Is a school bus driver physical form required by the Maine Department of Education?**

A: No. The Department no longer has a role in the school bus driver physical exam process.

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**Q: Can the former Maine Department of Education Physical Exam Form for Initial School Bus Driver Endorsement and Annual Physical be used?**

A: No. The former *Maine Department of Education Physical Exam Form for Initial School Bus Driver Endorsement and Annual Physical* is no longer being used effective September 16, 2017.

**Q: What do superintendents need to know about the repeal of Chapter 82?**

A: School bus drivers need to have an annual physical at the cost of the employer. Criteria and format of school bus driver physicals are at the discretion of the SAU or other employer. Record retention is responsibility of the SAU or other employer.

**Q: What is the school bus driver license process?**

A: Information regarding commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL endorsements including for school bus operation is available on the following Bureau of Motor Vehicle websites:

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