

# Questions to Ask a Prospective Truck Driving School

From the Women In Trucking Association Driver Advisory Committee

School Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Person spoken to \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. How much is the tuition? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Is there a funding source eg. grants, loans, company paid tuition? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. How long is the course? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the student to instructor ratio? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is there life time job referral? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What companies hire from the school? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Is room and board included? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
8. How much is room cost? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What out of pocket expenses are there? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. How much behind the wheel instruction is there? \_\_\_\_\_
11. How many times can a student retake the test without extra cost? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the extra charge if there is one for retesting? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Is the school accredited? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
13. How much classroom instruction is there and what does it entail? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. Do they teach FMCSA rules and regulations? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
15. Do they use loaded trailers or empty? \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do they teach any mechanical other than pretrip? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, what else? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Do they only train on dry van? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, what type of trailers? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. Do they teach tarping, load securement? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
19. Do they require physicals and drug testing? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
20. Do they do background checks prior to starting school? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
21. How old are their trucks? \_\_\_\_\_
22. Are their trucks mechanically sound? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
23. How much experience do the instructors have? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What is the hiring percentage rate of the school? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Is there a refund if one washes out early? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
26. Is there any mountain/steep hills driving, training or instruction? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
27. Is there any winter/cold climate/slippery roads/use of chains, etc. driving, training or instruction? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
28. How long of a trailer do they train on? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Is there a motel or other sleeping accommodations available? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
30. Will I be required to share a room? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
31. Do they teach Hours of Service and log book? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
32. Do they have simulators? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
33. Is there transportation to and from the school and motel? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

34. What tools will I need for class? atlas\_\_\_ ruler\_\_\_ pen\_\_\_ notebook\_\_\_ boots\_\_\_ gloves\_\_\_  
mechanical toolkit\_\_\_
35. Do I need to have my CDL permit before coming to school or will I get that after starting  
school? Before\_\_\_ After\_\_\_