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Question of the Week?

My driver received a citation for not having his/her glasses on at the time they were operating a commercial motor vehicle. Are there other restrictions that I should be aware of?

It is very important that when hiring a driver you review the driver's actual license to see if there are restrictions that your driver needs to comply with. Also, with increased use of laser technology to correct vision, it is important to advise all drivers who have had this procedure to go to the DMV and have the vision restriction removed from their license. As a Better Business practice, take a copy of both sides of the license as some states place the restrictions on the reverse side. The restriction classes may vary by state of issuance.
Below are additional restrictions that you need to be aware of when hiring drivers:

CDL RESTRICTIONS

Class	Restrictions
J	You may only operate a school/activity bus. You may not operate any other type of commercial motor vehicle.
K	You may not operate a vehicle with air brakes. If you plan to operate a vehicle with air brakes, you must take the air brakes knowledge test. You also must take the road test in a vehicle equipped with air brakes.
L	You may not operate a commercial motor vehicle outside of the State.
M	Operation of a passenger bus restricted to a Class B passenger vehicle.
N	Operation of a passenger bus restricted to a Class C passenger vehicle.
Y	You must wear corrective lenses when operating a commercial motor vehicle.

NEWS

FMCSA Administrator, John Hill, told NPTC counsel, Rick Schweitzer, this week that he believes Public Citizen will re-file its challenge to the driver hours of service regulations. On January 23, 2008, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied a challenge by Public Citizen and other groups to the FMCSA's December 17, 2007 interim final rule that reinstated the 11-hour daily driving limit and the 34-hour weekly reset provisions into the driver hours of service regulations. This means that those two provisions will remain in effect without change.

Upcoming Idealease Safety Seminars

February 12th	February 13th	February 26th	February 28th
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