**49 CFR part 391.11(b)(1)**

**§ 391.11 General qualifications of drivers.**

**(a)** A [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=56b5df5f4e1c4e88970c5b377188462f&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) shall not drive a [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) unless he/she is qualified to drive a [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11). Except as provided in [§ 391.63](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/49/391.63), a [motor carrier](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=b52be0fd349690e1877f55382d48d88b&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) shall not require or permit a [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=56b5df5f4e1c4e88970c5b377188462f&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) to drive a [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) unless that [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=56b5df5f4e1c4e88970c5b377188462f&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) is qualified to drive a [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11).

**(b)** Except as provided in [subpart G](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/49/part-391/subpart-G) of this part, a [person](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=56b5df5f4e1c4e88970c5b377188462f&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) is qualified to drive a [motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=234c3568913f317d6028c72913a6acf2&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) if he/she -

**(1)** Is at least 21 years old;

**(2)** Can read and speak the English language sufficiently to converse with the general public, to understand [highway](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=0df8219597f3a554861c11f3d6d18b7f&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) traffic signs and signals in the English language, to respond to official inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records;

**(3)** Can, by reason of experience, training, or both, safely [operate](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=fc0fbbd0d12c95492dceeaff4d84e730&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) the type of [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) he/she drives;

**(4)** Is physically qualified to drive a [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) in accordance with subpart E - Physical Qualifications and Examinations of this part;

**(5)** Has a currently valid [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) [operator](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=c789af7a9ae75b079d092acf48c04f57&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11)'s license issued only by one [State](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=15a96cee63cfd9f1f742ac9d0b6b3783&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) or jurisdiction;

**(6)** Has prepared and furnished the [motor carrier](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=b52be0fd349690e1877f55382d48d88b&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) that employs him/her with the list of violations or the certificate as required by [§ 391.27](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/49/391.27);

**(7)** Is not disqualified to drive a [commercial motor vehicle](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=4d0f588ce9465cbc634049bb90e56a1d&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) under the rules in [§ 391.15](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/49/391.15); and

**(8)** Has successfully completed a [driver](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=20a0a37c3d2ca80c127b9b73378dba6b&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11)'s road test and has been issued a certificate of [driver](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=20a0a37c3d2ca80c127b9b73378dba6b&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11)'s road test in accordance with [§ 391.31](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/49/391.31), or has presented an [operator](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=c789af7a9ae75b079d092acf48c04f57&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11)'s license or a certificate of road test which the [motor carrier](https://www.law.cornell.edu/definitions/index.php?width=840&height=800&iframe=true&def_id=b52be0fd349690e1877f55382d48d88b&term_occur=999&term_src=Title:49:Subtitle:B:Chapter:III:Subchapter:B:Part:391:Subpart:B:391.11) that employs him/her has accepted as equivalent to a road test in accordance with [§ 391.33](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/49/391.33).