

**7414.0300 TESTS.**

Subpart 1. **Initial endorsement.** To obtain an initial school bus endorsement to drive a school bus, a person must satisfactorily pass a written test and a road test administered by the department.

Subp. 2. **Written test.** The applicant for a school bus endorsement on the driver's license must satisfactorily pass a written test administered by the department.

- A. The written test must be based on:
  - (1) chapters 7414 and 7470;
  - (2) Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, and sections 171.321 to 171.322; and
  - (3) a general knowledge of the operation of school buses, including knowledge of the equipment, devices, laws, and rules peculiar to the operation of school buses.
- B. The written test must contain at least 50 questions.
- C. There must be at least two forms of the test with the questions arranged in different order on each form.
- D. The written test is satisfactorily passed if a score of at least 80 percent is obtained.

Subp. 3. **Road test.** The applicant must satisfactorily pass a road test administered by the department in a school bus that represents the least restrictive category of a school bus the applicant expects to operate.

- A. The road test must evaluate knowledge of the school bus, bus-related equipment, operation of the motor vehicle in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169, and the rules contained in chapter 7470, and include:
  - (1) a pretrip inspection;
  - (2) placing the vehicle in operation;
  - (3) use of the vehicle's controls and emergency equipment;
  - (4) operating the vehicle in traffic and while passing other vehicles;
  - (5) turning the vehicle;
  - (6) braking, and slowing the vehicle by means other than braking;
  - (7) backing and parking the vehicle;
  - (8) loading and unloading pupils; and
  - (9) proper procedures at railroad crossings.

B. The road test is satisfactorily passed if a score of at least 80 percent is obtained.

C. In determining whether a score of at least 80 percent has been obtained, the commissioner of public safety shall weight each portion of the test with regard to the criticalness of the specific factor being tested in relation to overall driving safety.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14.06; 171.321; 299A.01*

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