



Maine's CDL Program: A Look Ahead

*A Presentation
to the
Membership
of the
Maine Motor Transport
Association*

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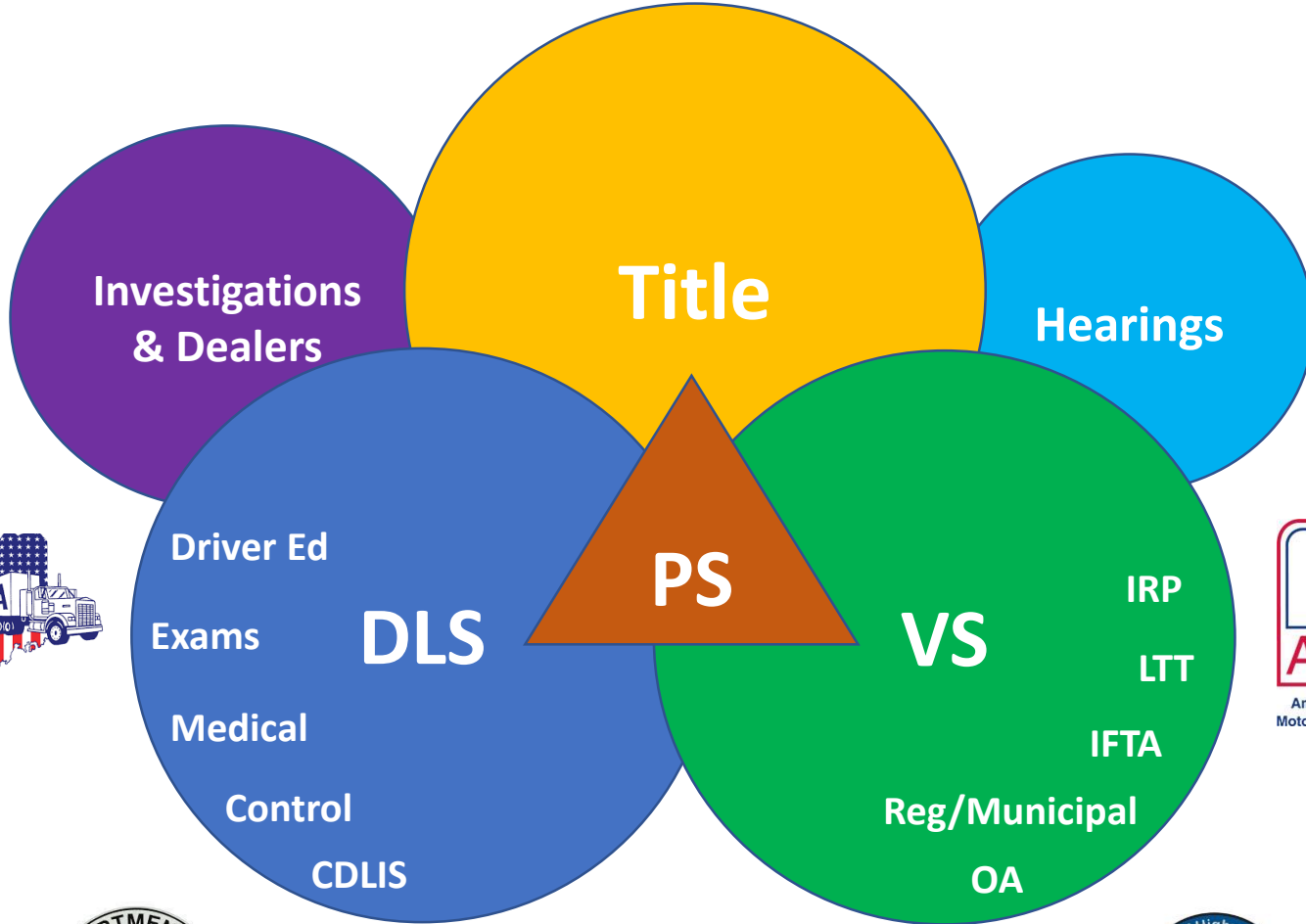
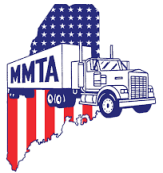


Agenda

- **BMV 101**
- **CDL Exam Results – Feedback for Your Trainers**
- **Looking Ahead**
 - **DACH II**
 - **Modified Skills Test?**
- **BMV CDL Initiatives**
 - **S Surge**
 - **The Backlog**
 - **CDL School Experiment**
- **Q&A**



BMV 101



BMV-CMV/CDL Initiatives

- 2023-2025
 - Exam Languages (23-24)
 - Website Upgrade (2024)
 - ELT 1 (2024)
 - IRP Upgrade (2024)
 - Cyber-Fraud Unit (23-25)
- 2025-2028
 - ELT 2 (2025-26)
 - On-line Exam Scheduling?

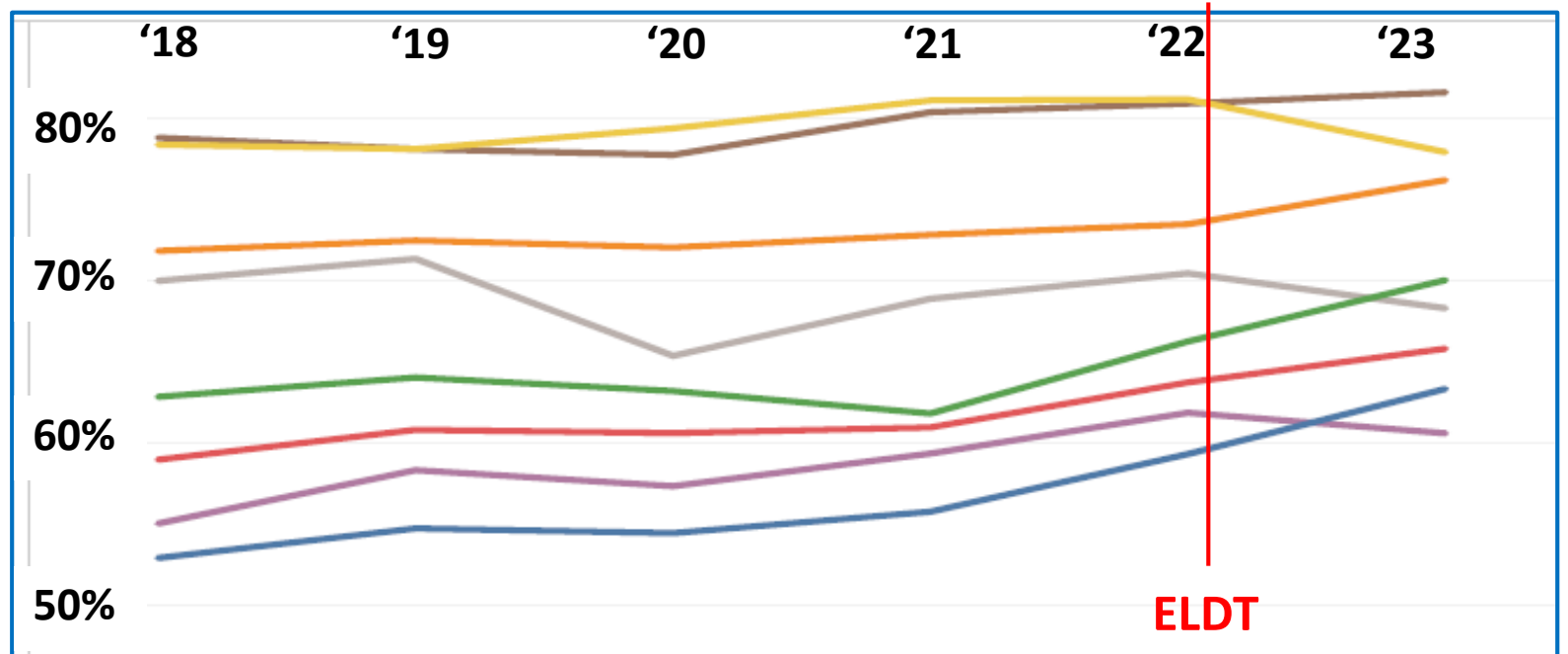




CDL Written Exam Pass Rates

Exam Name

- Air Brake Written
- Combination Written
- Double/Triple Written
- General Knowledge Written
- Hazmat Written
- Passenger (Bus) Written
- School Bus Written
- Tank Written

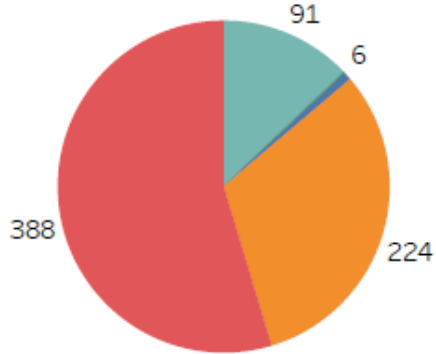


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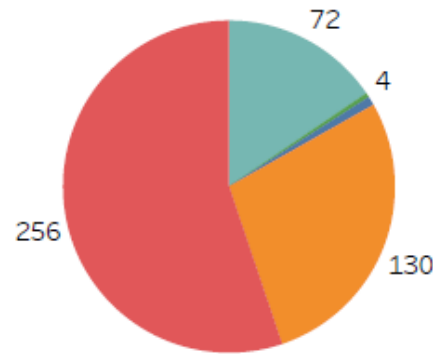


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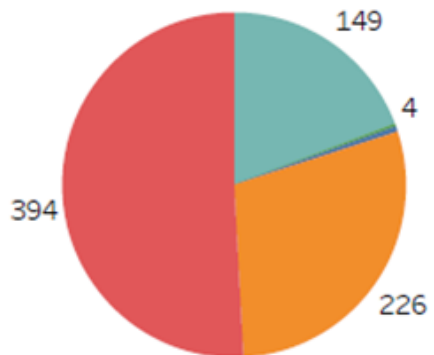
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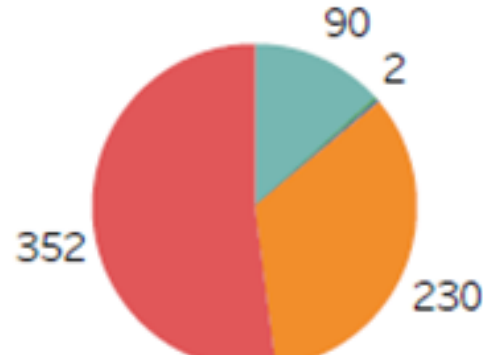
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- Pre-trip Inspection (Straight Line Backing)
- Forward thru Offset Alley
- Reverse Offset/Parallel Park
- Alley Dock

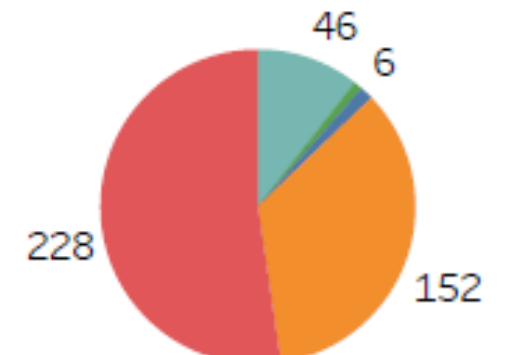
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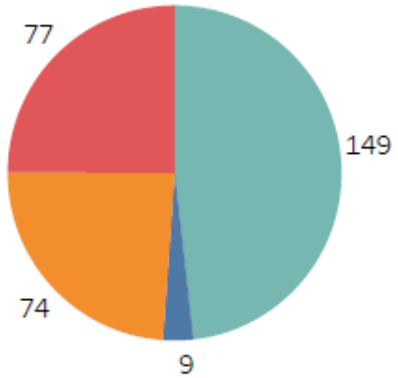
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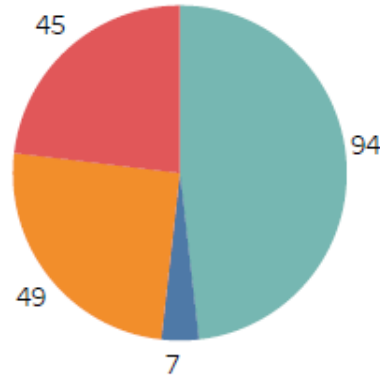


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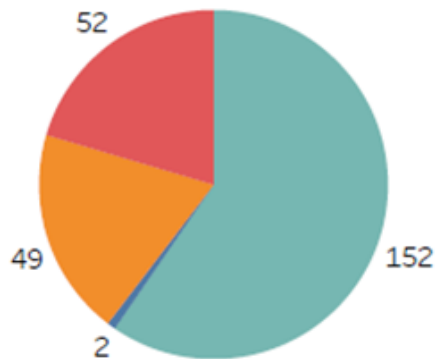
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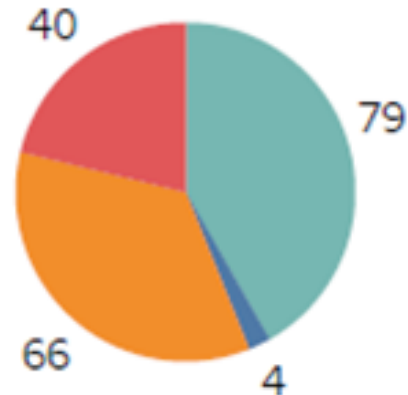
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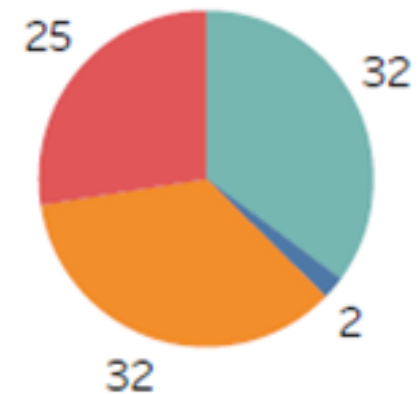
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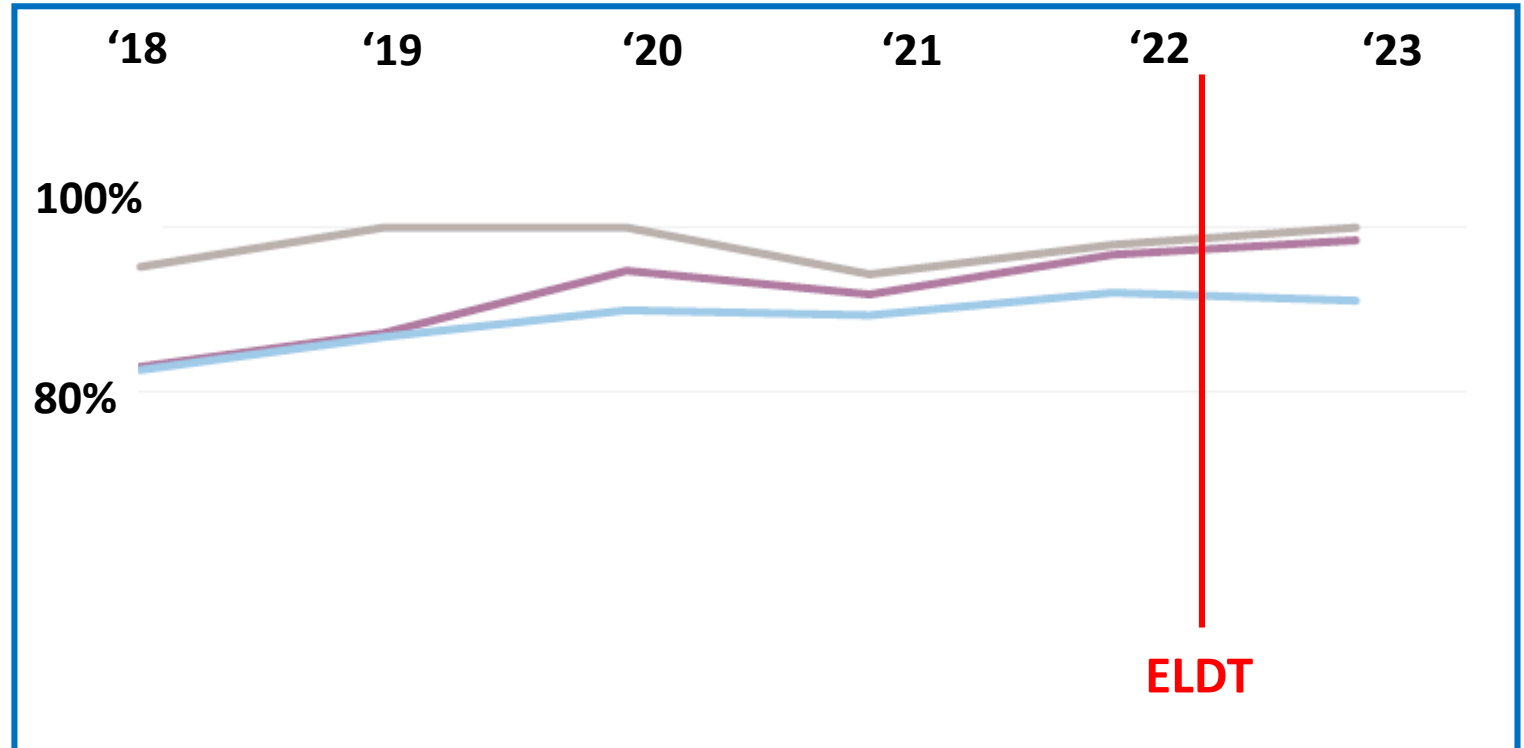
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CDL Road Test Pass Rates

Exam Name
Class A & B
Passenger bus
Schoolbus

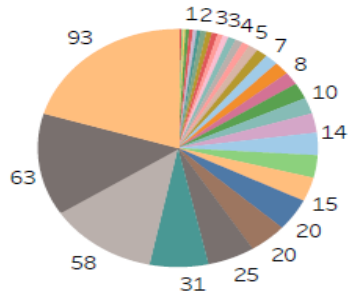


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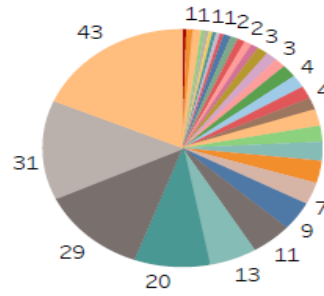


Road Test Results – Class A

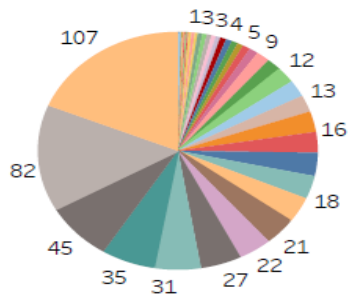
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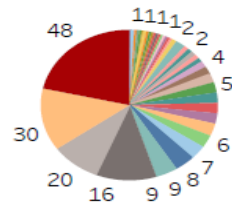
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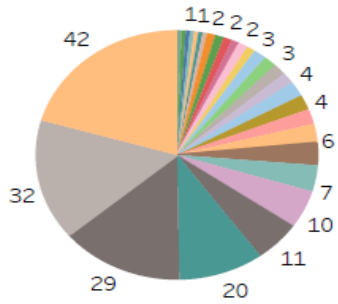
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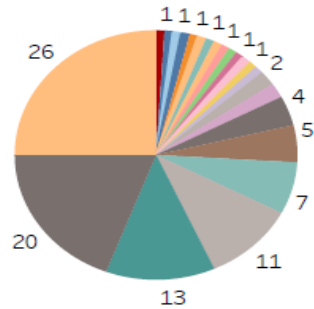


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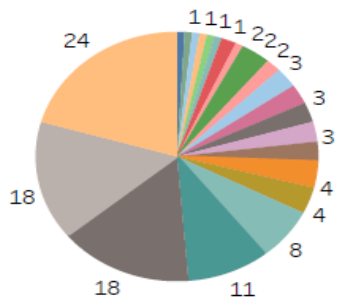
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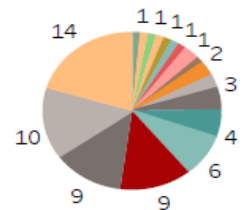
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DACH II – Going Live Here on 21 October 2024




BMV Must:

- 1) Connect no later than 18 Nov 2024
 - Receive DACH notifications
 - Query DACH status
- 2) Query before issuing, renewing, transferring or upgrading CDL or CLP
 - Deny if driver is “prohibited”
 - “Downgrade” CLP or CDL in 60 days
- 3) Reinstate when “not prohibited”
- 4) Reinstate if violation was in error
- 5) Record downgrade in CDLIS

Questions we’re researching:

- 1) How does this affect intrastate CDL operators not engaged in commerce?
- 2) Is there a difference between “downgrade” and “suspend?”
- 3) Do we need to change anything in Maine Law to implement this program?

How does the Clearinghouse work?

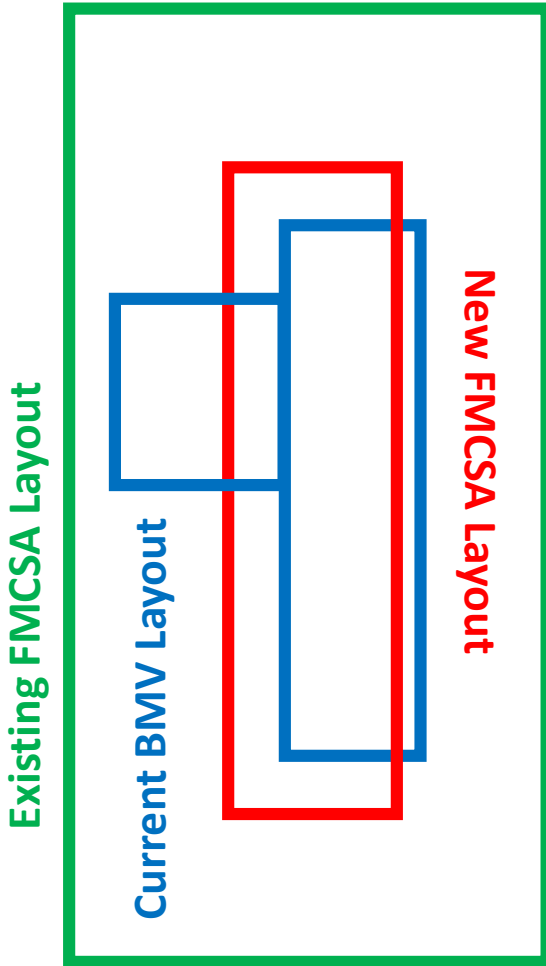
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| <p>Record Violations (positive tests, refusals to test, actual knowledge) are reported to the Clearinghouse.</p> | <p>Retain The Clearinghouse retains the violation and the driver’s commercial driver’s license (CDL) or commercial learner’s permit (CLP) number. The database also stores information regarding the driver’s return-to-duty (RTD) process.</p> | <p>Query SDLAs receive a driver’s eligibility status (i.e., Prohibited/Not Prohibited). Other authorized users (employers, FMCSA and its law enforcement partners) access driver information as authorized. Drivers have the right to access their own Clearinghouse record.</p> |

To see what FMCSA expects of BMV: <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Resource/Page/SDLA-Resources>



FMCSA's Modified Skills Test – 1 of 2

(Not mandatory Yet)



Potentially

Inadequate Facilities

- South Paris
- Fryeburg
- North Jay
- Waldoboro
- Searsport
- Orland
- Jonesboro
- Baileyville
- Houlton
- Fort Kent
- Milo
- Medway
- York

Biggest change is elimination of alley dock maneuver; parallel park/offset back used instead



FMCSA's Modified Skills Test – 2 of 2

Podcast:

<https://aamvacast.podbean.com/e/aamvacast-episode-62-cdl-test-modernization/>

Overview Article:

<https://www.movemag.org/cdl-testing-gets-a-refresh/>

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CDL Testing Gets a Refresh

NEW TECHNOLOGY SAFETY FEATURES ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES HAVE PROMPTED UPGRADES TO THE CDL TESTING MODEL

Regina Ludes | June 2022 | 2022 Issue 2, Commercial Driver License, Commercial Driver License Testing

Technology has altered the commercial driving landscape. A 2020 study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) finds that trucks equipped with forward collision warning systems had 22% fewer crashes and those with automatic emergency braking systems lowered crashes by 12%.



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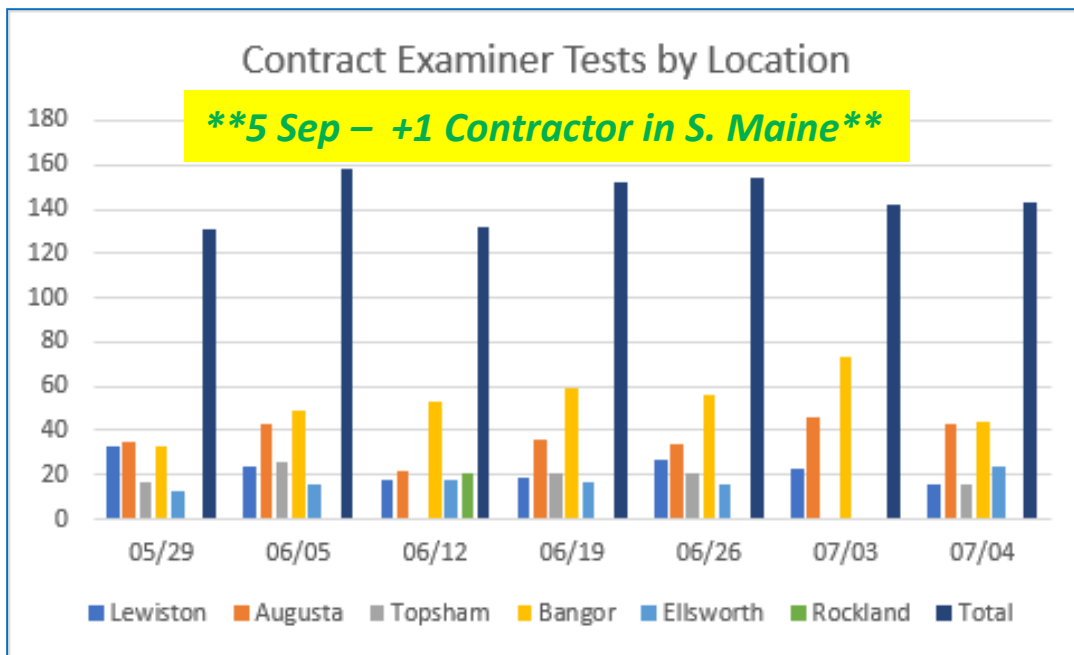
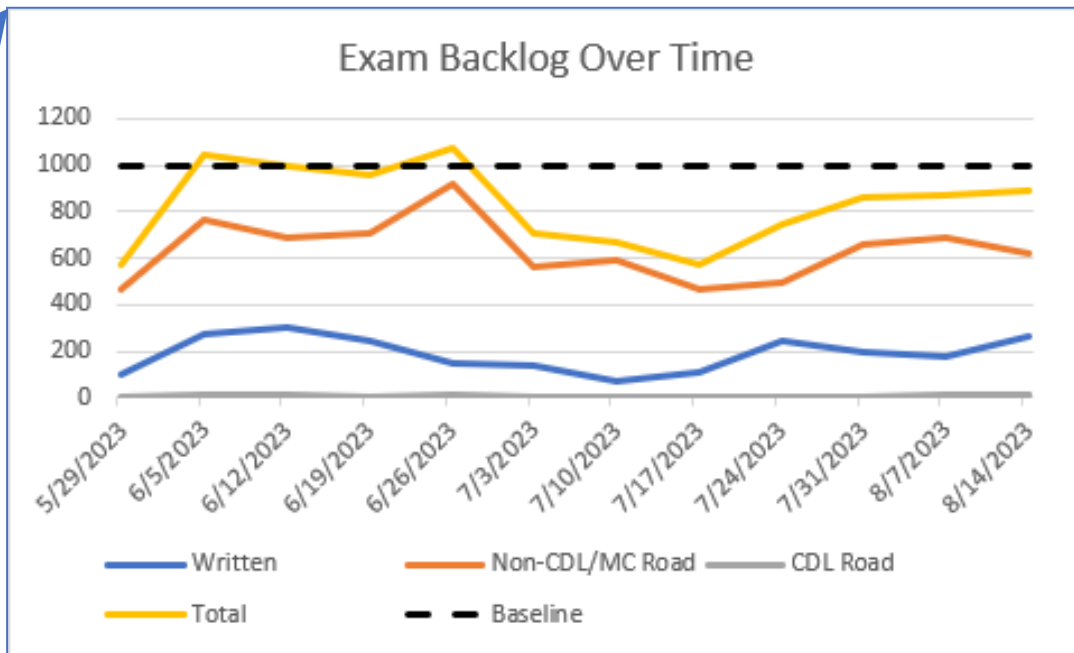
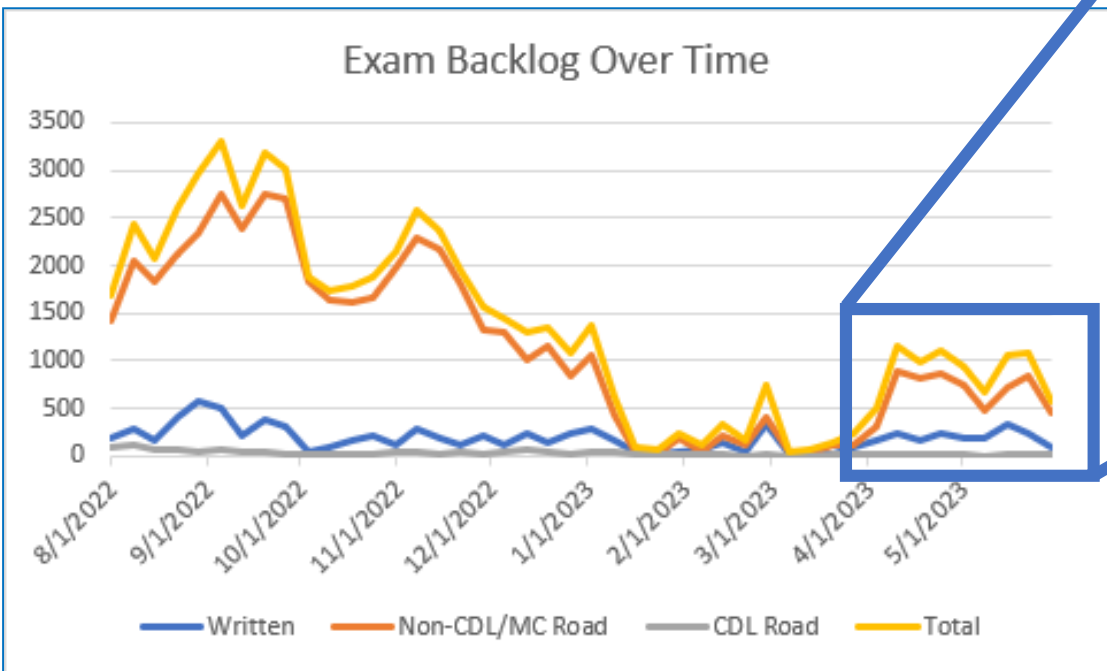
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Backlog Update




Where you test may determine how long you wait.



CDL Written Exam Re-Test Experiment

- September 2022: MMTA identifies CDL School concerns regarding backlog
- October 2022: BMV hosts meeting with MMTA and 3 schools (S, M, L) to explore options
- December 2022: BMV and schools reach agreement on Experiment for CDL Written Exam Rapid-Retest
- Jan – April 2023: BMV runs experiment
 - Scheduled tests on Monday
 - Schools ID re-tests by Wed
 - Retests in LEW following Friday (dedicated examiner)
- Results
 - Good opportunity for schools to keep students from falling behind
 - Difficult to get students to LEW some days
 - Very inefficient use of examiner
- Way Ahead
 - Now open to all schools ... offer extended in early August ... 3 more said “yes please” (11 did not)
 - Open to all ELDT Trainers?



| 20 Jan - 28 Apr 2023 | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| | Initial | Re-Test |
| Large 1 | 345 | 32 |
| Large 2 | 180 | 21 |
| Medium | 77 | 0 |
| Small | 33 | 7 |
| <i>Total</i> | 635 | 60 |



Q&A

Thanks for the Invite to Attend!



Surge Update



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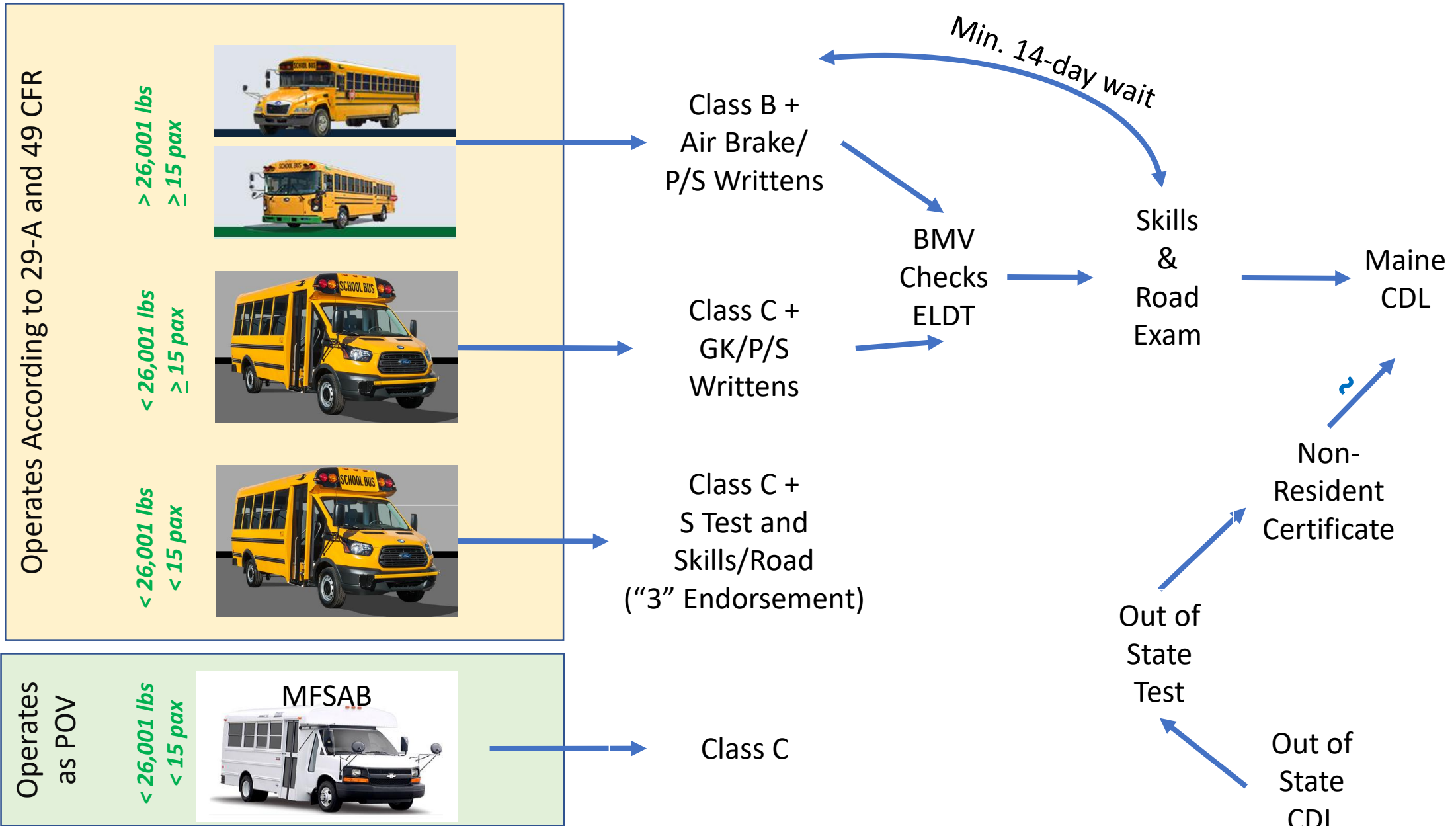
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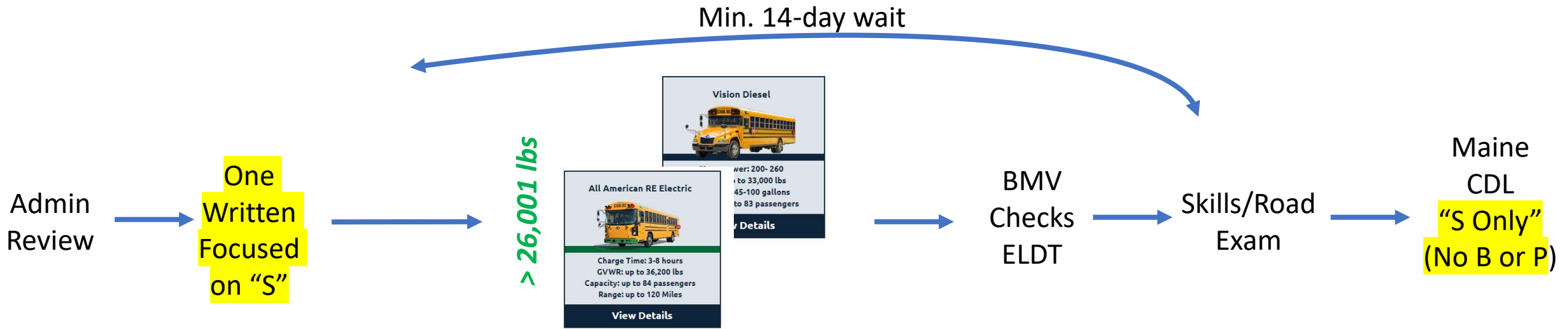
1100 am, 3 May 2023 Department of the Secretary of State...Bureau of Motor Vehicles





A Bettah Way?

Problem: How does Maine create a simpler license pathway to “S” without compromising safety?



*****This is a concept proposal to submit to FMCSA as a pilot “exemption”...we would need to demonstrate there is no additional risks to safety.*****