

Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Transition–Overview, Process, & FAQ



The **Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator** course is a 3-4-hour defensive driving course for commercial vehicle operators. NSC has updated and expanded the scope of this training, previously known as Professional Truck Driver (PTD). We have changed the name of the course to better reflect the full range of professional drivers the training serves. Commercial Vehicle Operator differs from other NSC programs in that it focuses on CDL drivers and their needs and requirements for driving large commercial vehicles.

This course is not an entry-level course. It is not intended to meet the requirements of the Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT), which is a separate driver training program for meeting CDL requirements. The course is designed for commercial vehicle operators who already have professional experience on the road.

NSC developed this course update through input from instructors of PTD 5th Edition and other key stakeholders, including the Defensive Driving Courses International Advisory Committee.

While the core objectives of PTD remain, this updated course will be more applicable to all drivers of any commercial vehicle whether it is a transit bus, motor coach, semi-truck, dump truck, school bus, or a large passenger van to name a few. Commercial Vehicle Operator (CVO) is designed to help experienced commercial drivers take pride in their work and choose safe, responsible and lawful driving behaviors while emphasizing the commercial vehicle operator's responsibility to protect the motoring public and themselves.

Overview of Changes

- New terminology introduced - "Sessions" will now be known as "Modules" and "Course Guide" will be "Participant Workbook." This change now makes the terminology in the course consistent with other NSC driver safety training.
- The modules are designed to take 1-hour each to complete. This means there are:
 - 3-hour = 3 Modules
 - 4-hour = 4 ModulesOrganizations may opt for three hours of training instead of four.
- Each module contains 5-6 "Lessons"
- New course materials include:
 - Downloadable Multimedia
 - Test Overlay
 - All new and expanded videos and modern graphics encompassing not only truck drivers, but also transit bus drivers, motorcoach, and school bus operators.

Changes to Course Materials

- Behavior based foundation using Choice Theory Psychology
- Scenario-based training focusing on hazard recognition and collision prevention strategies
- Flexibility to use the 3-hour course so that organizations can add their own policies and standard operating procedures to the end of the course.
- Content coverage that has been expanded to include many new types of vehicles, including transit buses, motor coaches, dump truck, and large passenger vans to name a few.
- A new branded look and feel
- New and revised activities/exercises that have been incorporated to reinforce content.
- New videos integrated with key content points, packaged in an up-to-date, user-friendly multimedia product. The multimedia includes content, videos and activities, and is closely integrated with the classroom-based materials. All components are interdependent, building on the ones coming earlier in the training to support learning. This new and revised multimedia content serves to enhance and support the learning experience

The following components support the course:

- Instructor Manual
- Participant Workbook
- Multimedia
- Test overlay (optional)

Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition - **INSTRUCTOR TRANSITION**

Who can transition to the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition?

Instructors who are currently authorized to teach the DDC-Professional Truck Driver 5th ed course; and have or are about to update their current Instructor credential. Instructors must be in Active status to transition.

Need to view or update your instructor credential? Visit <https://www.nsc.org/instructor-renewals/search>

When is the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition transition period?

The transition period begins on 9/1/26 and will end on 12/31/2026.

When does the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition transition begin?

The transition is anticipated for 9/1/26 - 12/31/2026

- English Instructor Led, Transition Webinar, and eLearning Instructor Development Course/Instructor Authorization (eIDC) will be available 9/1/26.
- Virtual Instructor Led Training (VILT) product & Virtual eIDC will go-live *approximately* 10/15/26.

Will I receive a USB or DVD to utilize?

No. Multimedia will only be available through download from the LMS. We will not be producing USBs or DVDs.

What is the price of the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor Resource Kit (IRK) during the transition period?

Instructor Transition 6th Ed Kit [English] / Product number **34990-0143** will be up to 50% off standard catalog pricing during the transition pricing period.

Member - ~~\$ 811.07~~ **\$405.56** | Non-member ~~\$ 1013.83~~ **\$506.92**

What if a new instructor starts with the DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th edition right before the transition?

Any new instructor who purchased DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th ed Instructor IRK + eLearning within the 90 days prior to the transition start date of 9/1/26, will receive their Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition IRK & transition webinar at no charge. Please be sure to reach out to your local Chapter or Training Center to receive the transition materials.

What is included in the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor Resource Kit (IRK)?

- Instructor Manual [printed]
- Participant Workbook
- Sample Certificate of Completion
- Access to the required one-hour transition webinar and test

Can I still transition after 12/31/2026?

Yes! You can still transition after 12/31/2026. The Instructor Resource Kit (IRK) will be at standard catalog pricing.

What happens if an instructor does not transition by 12/31/26?

After the transition pricing period has ended any instructor that has not transitioned will need to pay the full price to transition through 6/30/27.

On 7/1/27 instructors who have not transitioned will have their DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th edition credential terminated.

Can I share my Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor Transition Kit?

No, instructors cannot share Instructor Resource Kits. Each instructor must have their own kit.

How can I purchase the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Participant Guides?

To place an order for Participant Workbooks, please contact your local Chapter or the Training Center can contact our Customer Operations team at [800] 621-7619.

How do I know if I have a local Chapter to work with?

Visit <https://www.nsc.org/about-nsc/find-an-nsc-chapter-near-you?>

Are DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th Edition workbooks eligible for refunds?

No, DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th edition participant workbooks are not eligible for return or refund.

What if I have a lot of DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th Edition workbooks left, can I still use them?

Yes, you can transition to Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition and still teach the DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th Edition while utilizing your 5th edition workbook inventory. Please be sure when you present the 5th edition you are using that Instructor Manual, multimedia and workbook. You **cannot** mix both DDC Professional Truck Driver 5th Edition and Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition learning materials.

How much does it cost to renew my instructor credential?

Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor credential fees remain at \$65 annually.

How do I renew my instructor credential?

Please visit <https://www.nsc.org/instructor-renewals/search>

How do I look up my instructor credential expiration date?

Please visit <https://www.nsc.org/instructor-lookup>

I am having difficulty accessing my email from NSC, what should I do?

Please contact our customer service team at customerservice@nsc.org for assistance.

Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition –

NEW INSTRUCTOR AUTHORIZATION

How do I become a new Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor?

- Instructor candidates must purchase and successfully complete the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor Authorization to become an instructor.
- New DDC Instructors receive a 1-year Instructor credential when they complete their IDC.

Where can I purchase Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor Authorization [IA]?

- Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition IA is delivered via eLearning and can be purchased by contacting your local Chapter or customerservice@nsc.org.

What is the price of Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition IA?

- Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition IA [English] / Product number **44250-0391**
- **Member - \$ 1626.78 | Non-member - \$2033.48**

What are the components of Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructor Authorization?

- Access to eLearning Modules 1 – 4 (12 Hours)
- Instructor Manual [printed]
- Participant Workbook
- Certificate of Completion
- Downloadable Multimedia

What are the eLearning modules of the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition IA?

- Module 1: Introduction – 2 hours
- Module 2: Classroom Facilitation and Management – 3 hours
- Module 3: DDC Content-Specific Instructional Guidelines – 3 hours
- Module 4: Teaching Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition – 4 Hours

Can I share my Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition IRK?

No, instructors cannot share Instructor Resource Kits. Each instructor must have their own kit.

How can I purchase the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Participant Workbooks?

To place an order for Participant Workbooks, please contact your local Chapter or NSC Customer Service at [800] 621-7619.

Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition - VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAINING [VILT]

How do I become a Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Virtual Instructor?

Pre-requisite: You must be a current, authorized Instructor for Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition classroom to go through the process to receive Virtual Instructor Led Training (VILT) authorization.

Is there a fee for the VILT Kit?

No, current Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition instructors can order the VILT Kit at no charge.

What is included in the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition VILT Kit?

Approved Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Instructors would have already received a New Instructor Resource Kit with the purchase of the IDC, and transitioned instructors would have received updated materials with the purchase of the transition IRK.

VILT Kits will include:

- Virtual Training Instructor Manual Supplement pages [downloadable pdf version only]
- Access to the VILT eLearning Instructor Development Course module

How long is the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition VILT Instructor Development Course?

The e-Learning course is 1 hour.

What happens when I order the VILT Kit?

The Virtual Training Instructor Manual Supplement will be available for download in the LMS upon completion of the VILT eLearning module.

What participant materials do I use for the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition VILT?

Participant workbooks for VILT are the same as the Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition Classroom Course. The Instructor Manual Supplement is meant to guide you on delivering classroom exercises in a virtual environment. Once you complete the VILT eIDC, you will be granted access to a new Multi-media that includes the virtual multimedia slides. The eIDC explains the need to download this new multimedia and how to use it for virtual delivery vs classroom delivery.

Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Edition - PRODUCT CODES & PRICING

PLEASE NOTE * Transition pricing listed below is only for the transition pricing period 9/1/26-12/31/26*

<u>Product Name</u>	<u>Product Number</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
<i>Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Ed Participant Workbook w/Cert</i>	34990-0022	\$10.82	\$13.49
<i>Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Ed Instructor Transition</i>	34990-0143	\$405.56	\$506.92
<i>Defensive Driving for the Commercial Vehicle Operator 6th Ed Instructor Authorization</i>	44250-0391	\$ 1,626.78	\$ 2,033.48

Need Help or Have Questions?

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