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MANAGERS, OPERATIONS PROGRAMS SUPPORT (DISTRICT)

SUBJECT: Policy on Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

The National Policy on Postal Service Vehicle Maintenance employees being required to have a **Commercial Driver's License (CDL)** is as follows:

Mechanics who regularly road test vehicles with a gross vehicle weigh rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more (commercial vehicle) on public highways, are required to obtain a CDL

All other employees are not required to maintain a CDL except in those situations where the installation has determined that in the performance of their duties they will **drive a commercial vehicle off postal property.**

Tractors and Cargo Vans are the only vehicles that will have a GVWR over 26,000 lbs. Vehicle Maintenance Facilities (VMF) or Aux-VMFs that do not have any of these vehicles should not require an employee to have a CDL.

If an employee is at an Aux-VMF without commercial vehicles they do not need a CDL. If they wish to bid on a position at the main VMF they may be required to get a CDL if they will be road testing commercial vehicles on public highways.

**This policy was cleared with the National APWU representatives in February 1992. It was further elaborated on in a memo to the District Managers, Operations Programs Support in July of 1994.**

If your district has a different policy, we recommend that you proceed with implementing the national policy at all **VMFs** in your district.

Signed

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