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**SCDMV CHANGING CDL TEST SITES**

**Blythewood, S.C. – November 10, 2014** – The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will implement changes to commercial driver skills testing standards as a result of new federal motor carrier safety regulations. The changes will include new Examiner training and certification as well as larger testing sites to meet the new requirements.

“Some of our offices that currently offer commercial driver skills tests will no longer be able to provide those services. We simply don’t have the space to increase the size of all the testing sites,” said DMV Executive Director Kevin Shwedo. “This means we’re going to have to expand the sites we can to create the equivalent of trucking super centers.”

Commercial driver skills tests are now offered in 33 DMV offices across the state. On November 15, DMV offices in Fountain Inn, Camden, Lake City, Lancaster and Allendale will stop offering these services. The five offices will be the first group to stop commercial driver skills testing.

The change will not affect commercial driver applicants who want to renew their license or take a knowledge test. Only the skills tests sites for Class A, B and C commercial licenses are moving. Customers seeking commercial driver skills testing in these areas should visit the DMV offices in North Augusta, Sumter, Greenville and Rock Hill.

To accommodate the new sites and customers, DMV will reassign some employees and resources. The new “super centers” will allow customers to be tested simultaneously rather than one at a time. Some of the updated testing for commercial drivers includes offset left backing, straight line backing and parallel parking. Customers will still be able to schedule appointment online.

Between November 2014 and July 2015, DMV will phase out additional offices that cannot be used and improve the facilities that can accommodate the new testing sites.

“We are working with the SC Trucking Association to ensure our support for truckers improves as a result of this transition. We are committed to providing the public with the services they need,” said Shwedo. “These larger skills testing sites will improve our response to commercial drivers and we will seek feedback to ensure that.”

For more information or online services, please visit the DMV website at [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com).

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