### Facts & Figures 2013

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<td><strong>What is the purpose of the knowledge exam?</strong></td>
<td>DMV uses knowledge exams to test applicants’ ability to recognize highway signs and knowledge of traffic laws and safe-driving practices.</td>
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<td><strong>How is the exam given?</strong></td>
<td>The knowledge and highway signs tests are administered through an Automated Knowledge Testing System (AKTS). Tests available on AKTS include English, Spanish, Chinese, Hmong, Russian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian and Somali. An audio assist option is available for customers with reading or language difficulty. A department-approved interpreter may be used for hearing-impaired persons or to meet special language needs.</td>
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| **Who is required to take the exam?**                        | The exams are required for:  
  - original instruction permits  
  - special restricted licenses  
  - original CDL endorsements  
  - original or renewal school bus endorsements  
  - renewal of CDL HazMat endorsements  
  - The exams are also required for individuals applying for renewal or reinstatement of a license expired more than 8 years. |
| **Where are exams given?**                                   | DMV offers knowledge exams at Service Centers on a walk-in basis. The exams are also given at many local high schools and some driver training schools in conjunction with their driver-education programs. |
| **What does it cost?**                                       | There is no cost for taking a knowledge exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the applicant is issued either an instructional permit or a license for a fee. See “Driver License,” “Driving Skills Test,” and “Instruction Permits” for applicable fees. |
| **How many exams are conducted annually?**                   | Over 220,830 knowledge exams were conducted in 2013. |
| **For more information contact:**                            | Bureau of Drivers Services  
Driver Eligibility Unit  
(608) 264-7049  
or any local DMV Service Center |
Total 73,333

Source: Bureau of Field Services 3089 Annual Report

Types of CDL Written Tests Administered in 2013

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Non-Commercial Knowledge Exams Conducted

Year | Exams Conducted
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2008 | 175,306
2009 | 162,718
2010 | 155,117
2011 | 144,882
2012 | 150,783
2013 | 147,484

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