

OHIO PRESERVICE OBI CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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These steps need to be completed in order for a person to be certified as an On Bus Instructor. These steps do not need to be accomplished in any particular order. Once the steps are completed, an OBI Certificate will be issued by the Regional Pre-Service Instructor.

SUBCHAPTER B – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

§ 380.605 Definitions.

The definitions in parts 383 and 384 of this subchapter apply to this subpart, except as [stated](#) below. As used in this subpart:

Behind-the-wheel (BTW) instructor means an individual who provides BTW training involving the actual operation of a CMV by an [entry-level driver](#) on a [range](#) or a public road and meets one of these qualifications:

(1) Holds a CDL of the same (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to [operate](#) the CMV for which training is to be provided and has at least 2 years of experience driving a CMV requiring a CDL of the same or higher class and/or the same endorsement and meets all applicable [State](#) qualification requirements for CMV instructors; or

(2) Holds a CDL of the same (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to [operate](#) the CMV for which training is to be provided and has at least 2 years of experience as a BTW CMV instructor and meets all applicable [State](#) qualification requirements for CMV instructors.

- The Transportation Supervisor of the district or employer must send a written recommendation letter to the Regional Pre-Service Office designating the driver as an OBI Bus Instructor (OBI) candidate. This recommendation must include that the OBI candidate has at least 2 years of driving

experience under the same CDL class and endorsements that they will be training new drivers in.

- The OBI candidate must attend a Pre-Service class within the last 12 months.
- The OBI candidate must shadow a certified OBI.
- The Regional Pre-Service Instructor will conduct a driving evaluation of the OBI candidate.
- The OBI candidate must provide training and testing documents for the first driver trained to the Regional Pre-Service Instructor upon completion of that driver's training.