



# Class 1 MELT Assessments: Coupling/Uncoupling

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DRIVER'S LICENCE NUMBER
DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL NAME		STUDENT SIGNATURE

To pass, the student must correctly demonstrate **all** steps for each task below without assistance or coaching. **No demerits are allowed.** Two separate assessments must be conducted and passed per task. Assessments of the same task type must be conducted on different days or in different locations. Circle the demerit mark for each missed or incorrectly completed item in a task.

### COUPLING A TRACTOR-TRAILER

Prepares to couple	
Inspects yard for potential hazards	1
Enters cab and ensures tractor parking brakes are set	1
Exits cab and inspects fifth wheel condition/position	1
Checks axle slide pins are engaged	1
Inspects kingpin and apron	1
Checks alignment of the tractor to the trailer	1
Checks air lines are stowed	1
Checks trailer brakes are applied and cargo is secure	1
Re-enters cab, releases tractor parking brakes, turns on 4-way flashers, sounds horn	1
Reverses slowly using mirrors and aligns tractor with the trailer	1
Stops when fifth wheel is just ahead of the trailer apron	1
Sets tractor parking brakes and exits cab	1
Checks kingpin is aligned with fifth wheel locking jaws	1
Checks trailer height and adjusts if necessary	1
Connects the trailer	
Re-enters cab, releases tractor parking brakes, turns on 4-way flashers, sounds horn	1
Reverses slowly, monitoring trailer position using mirrors	1
Recharges tractor air suspension, if required	1
Makes connection to trailer kingpin with fifth wheel	1
Sets tractor parking brakes and exits cab	1
Connects air lines and electrical cable to trailer	1
Re-enters cab and turns on lights	1
Shuts off engine, removes keys from ignition and exits cab	1
Inspects trailer connection: fifth wheel jaws engaged and release handle in locked position	1
Checks trailer electrical connection: trailer lights are lit	1
Conducts Tug Test	
Raises landing gear slightly	1
Re-enters cab and releases tractor parking brakes	1
Conducts tug test to check connection	1
Recharges trailer air suspension, if applicable	1
Confirms air pressure is in normal range	1
Prepares to depart	
Sets tractor parking brakes and exits cab	1
Raises landing gear fully and securely stows handle	1
Re-enters cab and releases tractor parking brakes	1
Pulls forward slowly and applies trailer hand valve to check trailer service brakes	1
Stops vehicle and states intent to conduct vehicle pre-trip next	1
Dangerous action (reason):	1
<b>Total demerits</b>	
<b>Pass (P) or fail (F) – insert letter</b>	
<b>Date of assessment:</b>	
<b>Instructor name:</b>	
<b>Instructor signature:</b>	

### UNCOUPLING A TRACTOR-TRAILER

Prepares to uncouple	
Selects suitable location for uncoupling	1
Positions tractor and trailer in straight line	1
Sets trailer parking brakes, releases tractor parking brakes	1
Reverses gently to relieve kingpin pressure on fifth wheel locking jaws	1
Drains trailer air suspension, if applicable	1
Sets tractor parking brakes, exits cab and blocks trailer wheels, if applicable	1
Places supports under landing gear, if required	1
Lowers landing gear and securely stows handle	1
Disconnects air and electrical lines and secures to tractor	1
Releases fifth wheel lock	1
Disconnects the trailer	
Re-enters cab and releases tractor parking brakes	1
Drives slowly forward to disengage fifth wheel from kingpin	1
Stops when tractor frame is still under trailer apron	1
Sets tractor parking brakes	1
Drains tractor air suspension, if applicable	1
Exits cab and confirms trailer and landing gear are stable	1
Prepares to depart	
Re-enters cab and releases tractor parking brakes	1
Pulls tractor forward slowly until clear of trailer and stops	1
Recharges tractor air suspension, if applicable	1
Dangerous action (reason):	1
<b>Total demerits</b>	
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