

Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)

Compliance Date: February 7, 2022.

FMCSA's Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations were mandated under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

ELDT regulations set the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. This includes those applying to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time;
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

The ELDT regulations are not retroactive; ELDT requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022.

If an applicant who obtains a Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) prior to February 7, 2022, obtains a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires, the applicant is not subject to the ELDT requirements.

Any individual who meets one of the exceptions for taking a skills test in [49 CFR Part 383](#) is also exempt from the ELDT requirements.

Training

Once operational, the FMCSA Training Provider Registry will retain a record of which CDL applicants have completed the new training and certification process outlined in the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations.

To be authorized to provide entry-level driver training, training providers must register with FMCSA. During registration, training providers **must self-certify** that they meet all applicable Federal and State requirements:

- At least two years of experience driving a CMV requiring a CDL of the same (or higher) class and/or the same endorsement; *or*
- At least two years of experience as a behind-the-wheel CMV instructor.

Only registered training providers will:

- Be listed on the Training Provider Registry website (publicly viewable in late 2021).
- Be able to submit driver training certification information to FMCSA (beginning on February 7, 2022).

Training providers are required to register even if they do not provide training to the general public. Providers may omit their contact information from the public list.

The CDL applicant searches the list of training providers on the Training Provider Registry website, contacts the training provider and secures their services, and successfully completes required training.

The trainer submits driver training certification information to FMCSA electronically via the Training Provider Registry.

- Driver information must be submitted by midnight of the second business day after the driver-trainee completes the training.
- Must be done for each student when that student completes a training program.

The training will be two categories.

Theory Training-

Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc. No minimum number of hours; trainees must score at least 80% on assessment

Training topics include:

- Basic Operation
- Safe Operating Procedures
- Advanced Operation Procedures
- Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions
- Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)

Behind-the-Wheel Training-

- Actual operation of a CMV
- Takes place on a range or public road
- May not use a simulator to meet requirements
- No minimum number of hours, training provider will determine driver's proficiency
- Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers

For more information, you may contact:

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OR

Go to the FMCSA website for more information about the ELDT regulations and the Training Provider registry, visit <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>.