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Entry-Level Driver Training Rule Implementation Checklist



FOR STATE DRIVER LICENSING AGENCIES

Are you preparing for February 7, 2022?

Beginning February 7, 2022, States must verify that a commercial driver's license (CDL) applicant has completed the required Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) from a training provider listed on the Training Provider Registry (TPR) before administering the required skills or knowledge test. To meet this requirement, States must have an IT system that connects to the FMCSA's new TPR to retrieve and display driver training certification information.



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This document highlights actions State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) must take before the compliance date to ensure they are prepared.

Is your State able to enforce the ELDT regulations?



All States must enact legislation and/or regulations, as necessary, to adopt the ELDT regulations set forth in 49 CFR part 380 [subparts F & G](#) and parts [383](#) and [384](#), and to enforce these requirements beginning February 7, 2022.

- Has your State introduced an ELDT concept for the legislative session?
- Has your State enacted legislation to adopt and enforce ELDT regulations?
- Is the effective date of the legislation on or prior to February 7, 2022?

How will your State access the driver training information in the Training Provider Registry?



Beginning February 7, 2022, States must access data stored in FMCSA's Training Provider Registry to verify that drivers meet the ELDT requirements. States should be modifying or developing systems now to ensure their IT systems will be able to retrieve and display driver training certification data on and after the compliance date.

The options available to States for connecting to the Training Provider Registry include:

- Modifying your State system to connect directly to the TPR Web Service.
- Connecting to the TPR Web Service via the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Commercial Skills Test Information Management System (CSTIMS) or the Report Out-of-State Test Results (ROOSTR).
- Using a combination of the options identified above.

Visit the [SDLA Developer's Toolkit](#) to access technical materials States need to connect directly to the TPR Web Service. You can also watch a recorded webinar that details what to consider when deciding which technical solution to use.

- Have you shared the information in the Developer's Toolkit with your State's IT support team?
- Has your State chosen a solution for retrieving and displaying data from the Training Provider Registry?
- If connecting directly to the TPR Web Service, have you developed the interface? Have you used the testing services available from FMCSA?
- If connecting via CSTIMS or ROOSTR, have you contacted AAMVA about the process to get Training Provider Registry information?

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Have you revised your State procedures?



Per § [384.230](#), beginning February 7, 2022, a State must not conduct a skills test, or administer the knowledge test for the hazardous materials endorsement, of an entry-level driver without first verifying electronically that the driver has completed the training prescribed in part 380 [subpart F](#).

- Has your State revised its CDL issuance procedures to ensure the required ELDT verification is performed prior to conducting the following tests for entry-level drivers on or after February 7, 2022?
 - Skills test for an initial CDL
 - Skills test for an upgrade to a Class A or Class B, or a passenger (P) or school bus (S) endorsement, or knowledge test for a hazardous materials (H) endorsement
- Has your State confirmed that all CDL skills examiners, including third-party examiners, and knowledge test examiners will be able to conduct these required ELDT checks?
- Have you established a procedure to notify FMCSA if, after February 7, 2022, you determine that a training provider in your State does not meet applicable State requirements for CMV instruction (see §§ [383.73\(p\)](#) and [384.236](#))?

Note: If your State schedules CDL skills and knowledge tests weeks in advance, the driver may not have completed the required ELDT at the time the test is scheduled. Your State may need to consider revising its processes to query a driver's ELDT data from the Training Provider Registry a few days prior to their scheduled test to confirm the driver's eligibility.

Is staff prepared for their role in enforcing the ELDT regulations?



SDLAs should educate staff and third parties about the upcoming changes to scheduling and examination processes so they are prepared for the February 7, 2022 compliance date.

- Have you trained the relevant staff (schedulers, CDL call center personnel, examiners, etc.) on:
 - Which CDL applicants are required to meet the ELDT requirements?
 - When and how to query the Training Provider Registry to verify that the driver meets the ELDT requirements?
 - What to do if you cannot verify that a driver meets the ELDT requirements?
 - How to answer questions from the drivers and training providers?

Looking for more information?

- Read the [ELDT regulations](#).
- Review the [TPR Factsheet](#) and [ELDT Overview](#) for details on the regulations and systems that will go into effect on February 7, 2022.
- Browse the [frequently asked questions](#).
- Visit the [Training Providers page](#) of the Training Provider Registry for additional resources and to sign up for email updates.