

ELDT Entry-Level Driver Training



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Entry-Level Driver Training Requirements for CDL Applicants

The new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations require that all entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) who are subject to ELDT regulations receive training from a provider listed on [FMCSA's Training Provider Registry](#).

To be eligible to take the Class A or Class B CDL skills test, the S or P skills test, or the H knowledge test, commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants must have completed applicable entry-level driver training from a registered training provider.

What must drivers do to meet the ELDT requirements?

Complete training with a registered training provider

Entry-level drivers subject to the ELDT regulations must select a training provider that is listed on the Training Provider Registry. Only registered training providers will be able to submit certification of a driver's completion of entry-level driver training to the Training Provider Registry.

When must a driver have completed their entry-level driver training?

Training must be completed before taking a CDL skills test or, if the driver is applying for the H endorsement, the knowledge test.

A State is **not permitted** to administer the CDL skills or knowledge test to driver if they cannot electronically verify that these requirements are met. A State may issue a commercial learner's permit (CLP) to a driver who has not yet completed entry-level driver training.

Use the scenario chart below to determine if you are required to complete entry-level driver training.

If ➤ Then

A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022...

The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training, as long as the driver obtains a CDL before the CLP expires.

A driver was issued a CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement before February 7, 2022...

The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training for the previously-issued license or endorsement, even if it has since lapsed.

A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022, but the CLP expires before the driver applies for their CDL...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training before being permitted to take the CDL skills test.

A driver obtains a CLP on or after February 7, 2022...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training before being permitted to take the CDL skills test, S or P skills test, or H knowledge test.

A driver held a CDL prior to the compliance date, and applies for an upgrade to a higher class of CDL, or an S, P, or H endorsement for the first time on or after February 7, 2022...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training for the class of CDL to which the driver is upgrading or the endorsement(s) for which the driver is applying before being permitted to take the applicable CDL skills test or H endorsement knowledge test.

ELDT EXCEPTIONS. The ELDT regulations do not apply to individuals that are not required to have a CDL as outlined in 49 CFR part 383, or for whom the state has waived the CDL skills test.

