TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR
Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators

U.S. Department of Transportation
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The ELDT Regulations

What are the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations?

Set minimum Federal requirements for theory and behind-the-wheel training…

That entry-level large truck and bus drivers…

Must complete before testing for a commercial driver's license (CDL) or certain CDL endorsements.

States may have requirements that exceed the Federal requirements.

How will ELDT improve safety on our Nation's roads?

- Ensures that only qualified drivers receive a new CDL, a CDL upgrade, or a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement.
- Sets a national baseline for entry-level driver training.
- Identifies standards that training providers must meet.
- Gives States information they need at critical safety checkpoints.
- Further ensures that drivers operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) safely and meet their operational responsibilities.

CDL Applicant Requirements

The ELDT regulations establish new minimum training standards for entry-level drivers.

This includes individuals applying for:

A Class A or Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time

An upgrade of an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL

A hazardous materials (H), passenger (P), or school bus (S) endorsement for the first time

- The rule does not cover individuals for whom States have waived the CDL skills test under 49 CFR 383.

What do the ELDT regulations require of CDL applicants?

- Entry-level drivers must complete the applicable training, from a provider listed on the Training Provider Registry, prior to taking a relevant CDL skills or knowledge test.
  - Individuals who obtain a commercial learner's permit (CLP) **on or after February 7, 2022** will be required to meet the ELDT requirements.
  - Individuals who obtain a CLP before February 7, 2022 are not subject to the new ELDT regulations, so long as they obtain a CDL or endorsement before their CLP (or renewed CLP) expires.

ELDT Applicability

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 or knowledge test.

For more information, download the ELDT Applicability Factsheet

Entry-Level Driver Training Requirements

What training will CDL applicants receive?

Entry-level drivers must receive training and demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

THEORY TRAINING

- Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc.
- May use a simulator
- 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 (BTW) 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

States may have requirements that exceed the Federal requirements.

Training Requirements

- Theory and BTW trainings may be delivered by different training providers.
  - Both training providers must be registered/listed on the Training Provider Registry.
  - Both training providers would separately submit driver training information.
- BTW range and BTW public road trainings must be provided by the same training provider.
- Driver-trainees must complete both the theory and BTW portions of training within one year of each other.

Training Requirements (continued)

BTW Public Road

- Instructors must cover all topics listed and "determine and document that each driver-trainee has demonstrated proficiency in all elements of the BTW curriculum unless otherwise noted."
  - See Appendices A and B to Part 380.
- Does not allow for "test outs" of skills training on either range or public road.

Training Provider Requirements

What is a training provider?

An entity that is listed on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry.

May include:

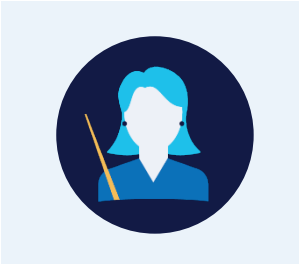
- Training schools
- Educational institutions
- Rural electronic cooperatives
- Motor carriers
- State/local governments
- School districts
- Joint labor management programs
- Owner-operators
- Individuals

Training Provider Requirements

Entities wishing to provide entry-level driver training must **register** on the Training Provider Registry and **self-certify** that they meet all FMCSA requirements that apply to:

REGISTRATION

CURRICULA



INSTRUCTORS

FACILITIES

VEHICLES

STATE LICENSING

ASSESSMENTS

TRAINING CERTIFICATION

DOCUMENTATION

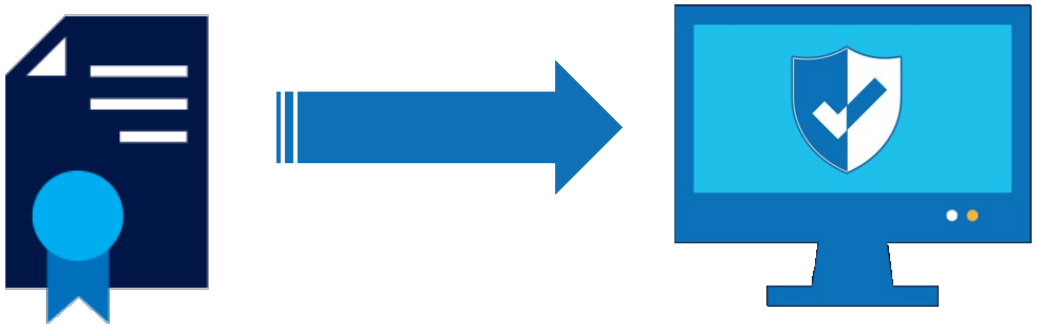
FMCSA AUDITS

For full training provider requirements, see 49 CFR part 380 subparts F & G.

Training Provider Requirements (continued)

As of February 7, 2022:

- After a driver successfully completes the required training, the training provider must electronically submit the driver-trainee's training certification information to the Training Provider Registry.
  - Must be submitted by midnight of the second business day after the driver-trainee completes the training.

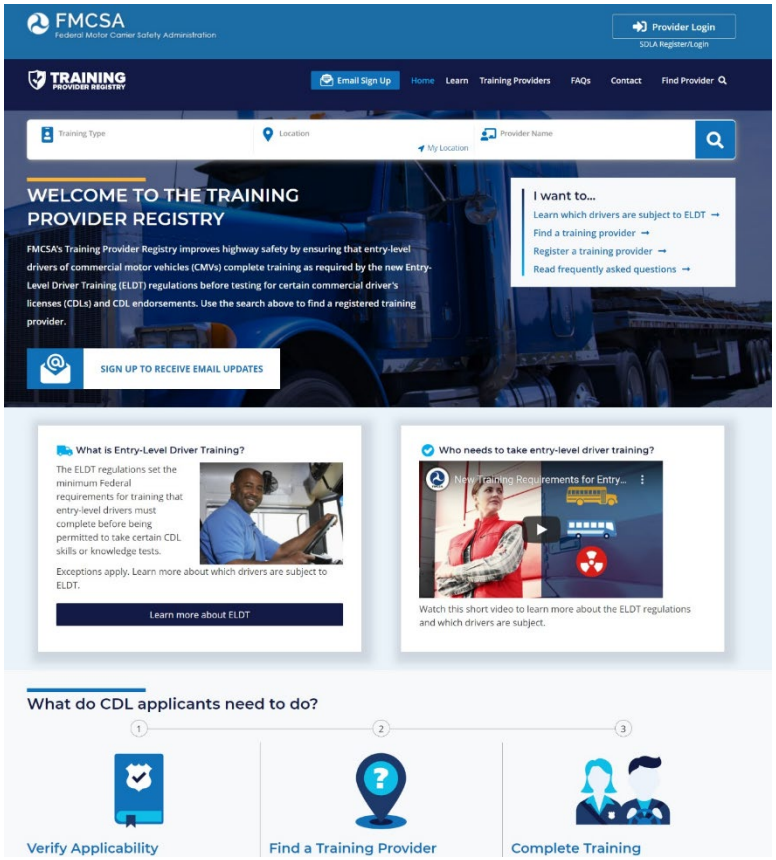


The Training Provider Registry

What is the Training Provider Registry?

- An FMCSA web system that:
  - Lists training providers eligible to provide entry-level driver training.
  - Retains a record of drivers that have successfully completed entry-level driver training.

Ensures compliance with lifesaving Entry-Level Driver Training regulations



How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT?

Search

DRIVER selects registered training provider from list on Training Provider Registry, completes training

Submit

TRAINING PROVIDER electronically submits driver training data to Training Provider Registry

Retain

FMCSA retains driver data in Training Provider Registry

Retrieve

STATE retrieves driver data from Training Provider Registry

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry

Search

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

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry (continued)

- **Training provider** 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.

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry (continued)

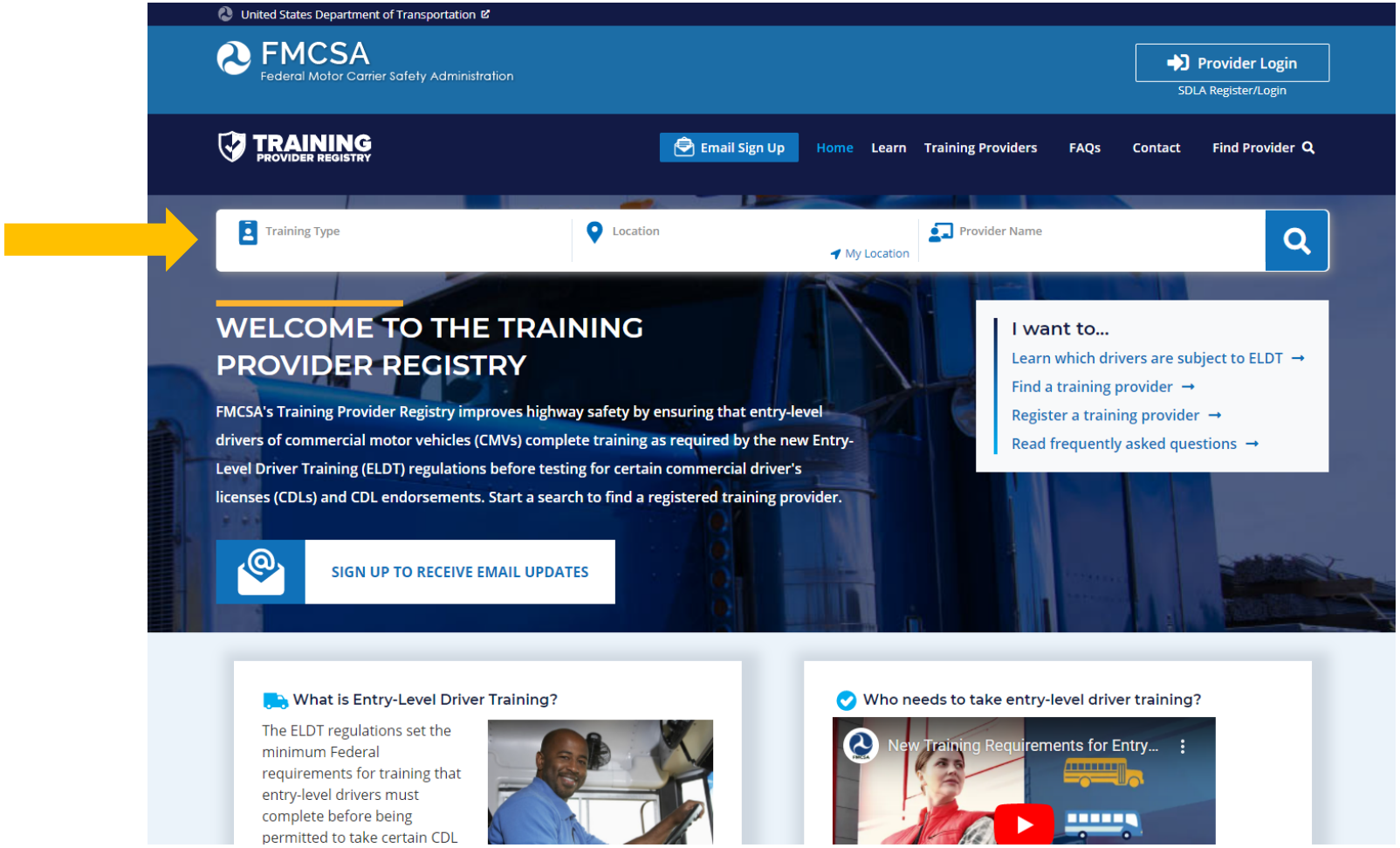
- **FMCSA** will retain the driver training certification information securely in the Training Provider Registry.

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry (continued)

- **The State**, prior to administering the relevant skills or knowledge test, must use information from the Training Provider Registry to verify that the driver has competed required training.

Using the Training Provider Registry

Training Provider Search



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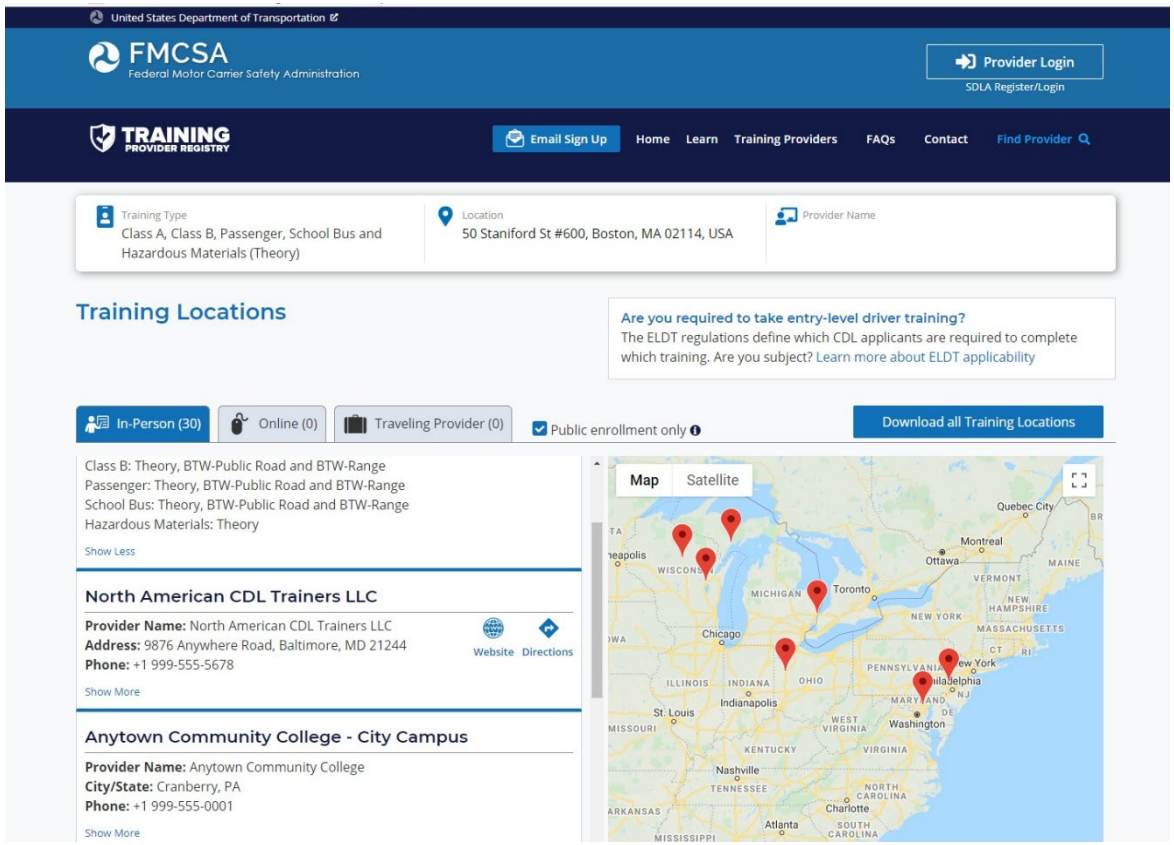
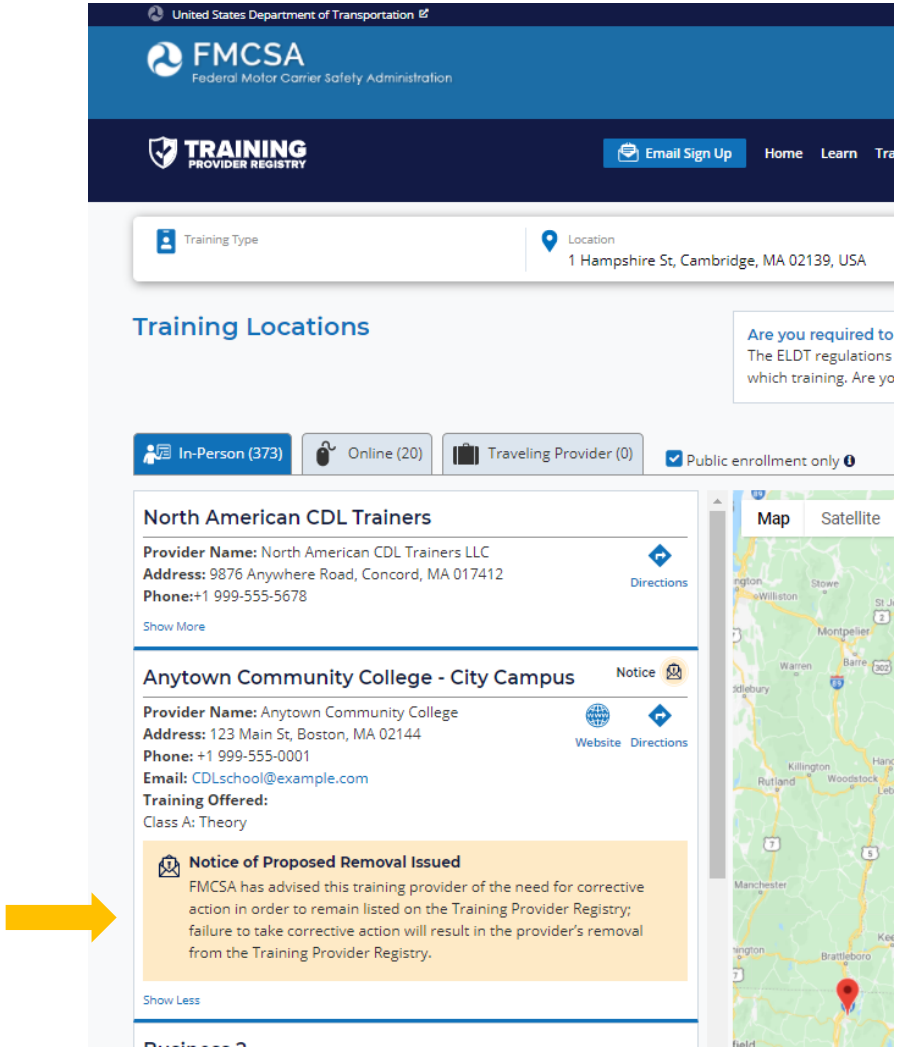


- Results list has 3 tabs:
  - In-person training locations.
  - Online training.
  - Traveling training providers.

Training Provider Search (continued)



- This notice indicates that FMCSA has notified a training provider about the need to take corrective action.
- For more information on the process for removal from the Registry, see 49 CFR 380.721 and 380.723.

Drivers: Check Your Record

- Driver-trainees can use the Record Check feature to see the certification information they have in the Registry.
- Drivers will enter their name, CLP/CDL information, and answer a question about their training record to verify their identity.
- Accessed via the Training Provider Registry home page.

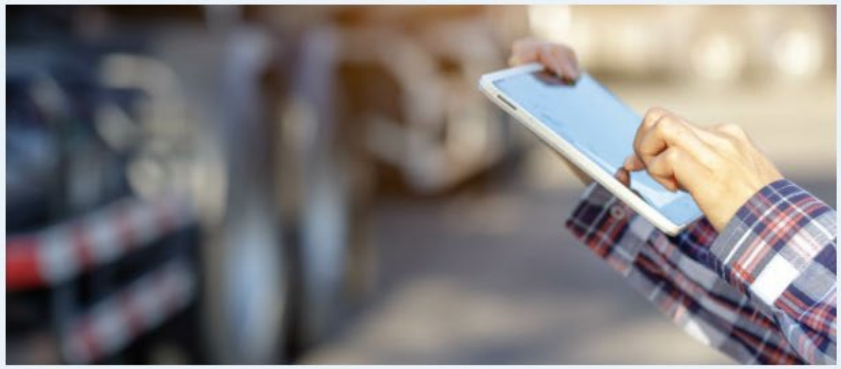
Have you completed entry-level driver training?

Check Your Record

If you completed entry-level driver training with a provider registered with FMCSA, you may check your record to see what information your training provider has submitted to the Training Provider Registry.

Note that providers are required to submit training certification information by midnight of the second business day after the driver completes training.

Start Record Check

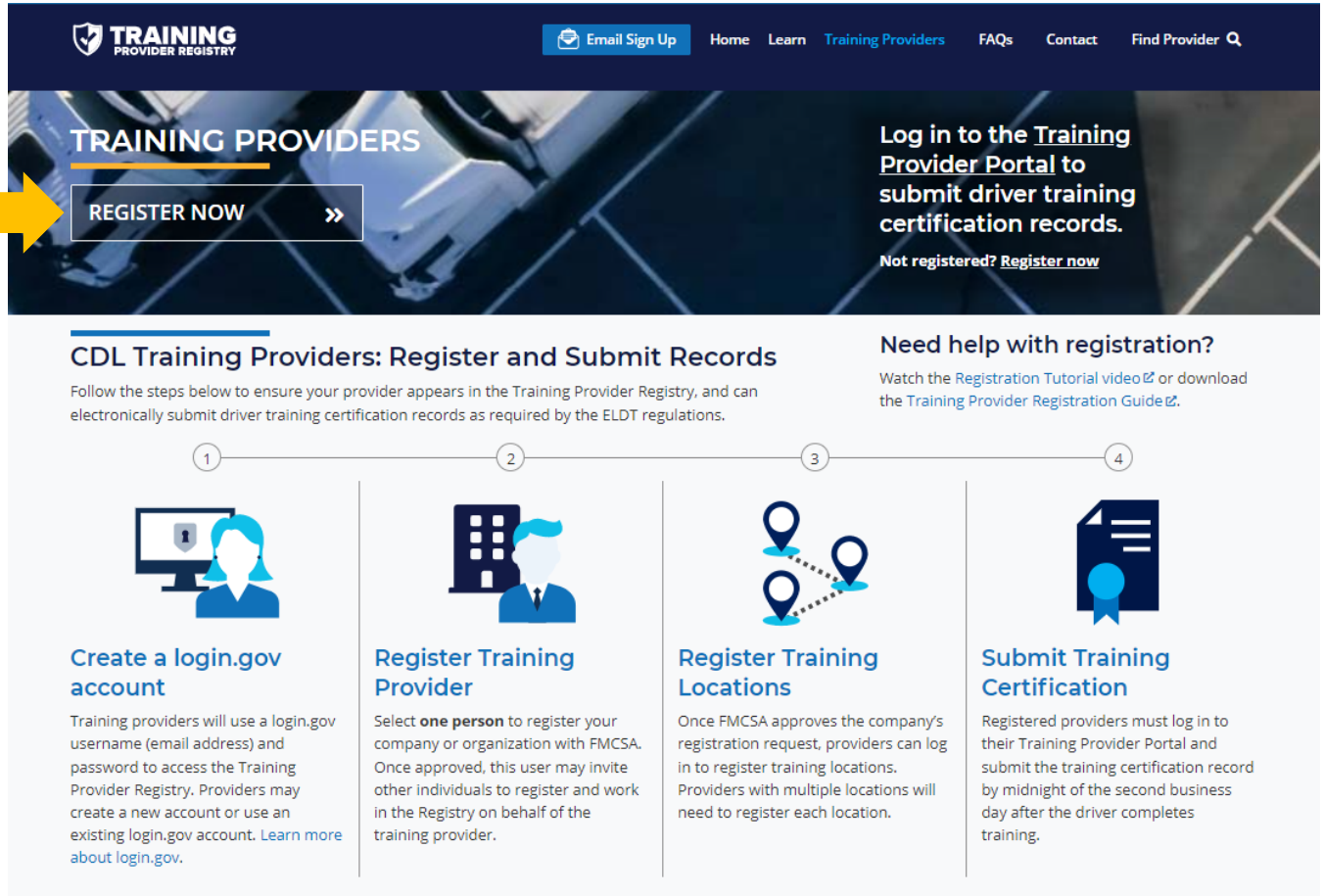


Training Providers: Register

Are you ready to register?

- Ensure your curricula, documentation, vehicles, etc. meet the minimum ELDT standards.
- When you register, you must self-certify that you comply with all applicable ELDT requirements.
- For a complete list of training provider requirements, visit 49 CFR part 380 subparts F and G and appendices A through E.

Training Provider Registration



Training Location Registration

- Once FMCSA has approved the training provider (company) registration, the provider must log in to register their training location or locations.

Location information is needed to:

- Appear in the training provider search.
- Submit driver training certification information.

Training Providers: Submitting Driver Training Certification Information

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Submit Driver Training Certification Record

Use the form below to submit the information certifying that a driver has completed entry-level driver training.

Note: Providers only submit records of **successfully completed** training; if a driver fails to complete the course or does not score at least 80% on the theory assessment, their record is not entereted in the Training Provider Registry.

Enter Driver Information

The Training Provider Registry will link the training certification information you enter below with a driver record. Enter the driver's information below exactly as it appears on their driver's license, commercial learner's permit (CLP), or commercial driver's license (CDL).

Permit/License Information

Number: 1234567

State: Massachusetts

Date of Birth

Month: January (01)

Day: 1

Year: 1980

First Name: Example

Last Name: Driver 1

Location and Training Information

Select the registered training location where the driver completed training and enter the driver's training information. If you do not see the correct information below, go to Manage Locations and ensure you have properly registered your training location.

Training Location: CDL Training School

Class/Endorsement: Class A CDL

Training Type: Theory

Theory Assessment Score: 80

Training Completed on: 02/26/2022

Providers have the option to assign a local identifier to each record. This internal ID will be visible in your Training Provider Portal, but will not be included in responses to State queries.

Internal ID (optional)

Submit Training Record | CANCEL

- Registered training providers will log in to the Training Provider Portal.
- Select **Manage Records > Submit a New Record.**
- Enter the information.
- Must select from a registered training location.

Optional: TPR Web Service

The TPR Web Service submission option may be a good fit for training providers that:

- Anticipate submitting a significant number of driver training certifications on a regular basis.
- Have an existing IT system to track driver training results.
- Have an IT support team that can update your IT system to interface with TPR Web Service, per the technical specifications in the Web Services Development Handbook.

Learn more at https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/DeveloperToolkit

Questions?

To learn more about ELDT and the Training Provider Registry, visit: https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov

You can also contact FMCSA's TPR Team: https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/#contact