MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators

DECEMBER 2016 FINAL RULE
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What is the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) final rule?

- Set a Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level drivers
  - Establishes minimum requirements entry-level driver training providers must meet
  - States may have requirements that exceed Federal requirements
- Established need for the Training Provider Registry
What is the Training Provider Registry?

- An FMCSA web system that will:
  - Contain the official list of all entities that register with FMCSA and self-certify they meet the requirements for being an entry-level driver training provider.
  - Retain a record of which drivers have successfully completed entry-level driver training for States to access.
What types of training are covered by ELDT?

The ELDT regulations establish new minimum training standards for 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 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.
What training will CDL applicants receive?

The Training Provider Registry ensures that entry-level drivers receive training and demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

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<td>Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc.</td>
<td>Actual operation of a CMV</td>
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<td>May use a simulator</td>
<td>Takes place on a range or public road</td>
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<td>No minimum number of hours; must score at least 80% on assessment</td>
<td>May not use a simulator to meet requirements</td>
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<td>Training topics include:</td>
<td>No minimum number of hours, training provider will determine driver’s proficiency</td>
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<td>• Basic Operation</td>
<td>Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers</td>
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What do the ELDT regulations require of training providers?

Beginning February 7, 2022:

- Training providers wishing to provide entry-level driver training must register and self-certify that they meet all FMCSA requirements that apply to:

  - CURRICULA
  - FACILITIES
  - INSTRUCTORS
  - STATE LICENSING
  - VEHICLES

For full training provider requirements, see 49 CFR part 380 subpart G.
What do the ELDT regulations require of training providers? (continued)

Beginning 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.
What do the ELDT regulations require of State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs)?

Beginning February 7, 2022:

- The SDLA must verify that the applicant has completed the required entry-level driver training before administering the relevant skills or knowledge test.
How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT?

Train -> Submit -> Retain -> Retrieve
How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT? (continued)

- **CDL applicant** selects their training provider(s) from the list on the Training Provider Registry website
- CDL applicant successfully completes required training
How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT? (continued)

- **Training provider** submits driver training certification information to FMCSA electronically via the Training Provider Registry.
- Must be done for each student when that student completes a course.
How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT? (continued)

- **FMCSA** will retain the driver training certification information securely in the Training Provider Registry.
How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT? (continued)

- **The State**, prior to administering the relevant skills or knowledge test, uses State IT system to retrieve and review driver training certification information from the Training Provider Registry.

- This certification information serves as proof that the driver has completed the required training.
Where can I get additional details about the rule?

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

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