

The FMCSA Training Provider Registry retains a record of which applicants for a commercial driver's license (CDL) have completed the training and certification process outlined in the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations.

For more information on the ELDT requirements, see page 2.



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What is the Training Provider Registry?



The Training Provider Registry is a web system that helps CDL applicants connect with qualified training providers to get the training they need to safely operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs).

It also improves safety on our Nation's roads by receiving, retaining, and relaying a record of CDL applicants that have successfully completed the required entry-level driver training. As of February 7, 2022, anyone subject to the ELDT requirements must comply with them.

Who will access information from the Training Provider Registry?



Entry-level drivers **SEARCH** for a training provider using the list on the Training Provider Registry website.



Registered training providers* **SUBMIT** driver certification information to FMCSA after a driver successfully completes training.



States VERIFY a driver's completion of required training using data made available by the Training Provider Registry before administering relevant tests.

*When registering, training providers must self-certify that they meet all requirements in ELDT regulation requirements.

Drivers do not need to register for the Training Provider Registry. Only training providers register and provide information to the registry.

Who is considered an entry-level driver?

Entry-level CMV operators in interstate and intrastate commerce who are 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
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement

The requirements only apply to individuals who obtain a CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement on or after February 7, 2022.

Which drivers are not subject to the ELDT requirements?

A CDL applicant with a valid commercial learner's permit (CLP) issued before February 7, 2022, is not subject to the ELDT requirements as long as the applicant obtains a CDL before his or her CLP or renewed CLP expires. This includes CLPs that are renewed after February 7, 2022.

Any individual currently exempt from taking a skills test to obtain a Class A or Class B CDL, or S or P endorsement, is not subject to ELDT requirements.



What types of training must entry-level drivers complete?

The Training Provider Registry ensures that entry-level drivers 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; must score at least 80% on assessment
- Training topics include: Basic Operation, Safe Operating Procedures, Advanced Operating Practices, Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions, and 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 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

How does the Training Provider Registry support the ELDT Program?



The ELDT regulations save lives by:

- Ensuring that only qualified drivers receive a CDL, upgrade, or endorsement
- Setting a national baseline for entry-level driver training
- Identifying standards that training providers must meet
- Giving States information they need at critical safety checkpoints

The Training Provider Registry is a critical piece of the Entry-Level Driver Training Program. By receiving and retaining driver certification information from training providers and relaying it to States, the Training Provider Registry ensures that the requirements of the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations are met.