



## What are the Entry Level Driver Training requirements?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations at 49 CFR Part 380 set minimum Federal training standards for entry-level drivers.

Beginning February 7, 2022, these requirements will impact drivers applying to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time;
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

The ELDT requirements set a national baseline for entry-level driver training. However, States may have their own training requirements that exceed this baseline.

## What is required of States starting on February 7, 2022?

A State may continue to issue a CDL to individuals who obtain a commercial learner's permit (CLP) before February 7, 2022 who do not meet the ELDT requirements, so long as they obtain a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires.

Beginning February 7, 2022, States must electronically verify that applicants for the commercial licenses and endorsements listed above have successfully completed the relevant training before conducting the skills test and before the knowledge test for drivers seeking an H endorsement. On February 7, 2022, States must also notify FMCSA if a training provider does not meet the applicable State requirements for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) instruction.

The complete set of requirements can be found in 49 CFR Parts [383](#) and [384](#).

### How will States verify that a driver has completed ELDT?

The Training Provider Registry is a new FMCSA web system that will contain driver training certification information from registered training providers. The State must establish and use an IT system to retrieve and verify driver training certification data from the Training Provider Registry. The State may configure its own IT system or may work with the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) to retrieve data from the Training Provider Registry using their system.

*Note: The Training Provider Registry will only verify whether or not a driver has completed the Federal minimum standard required by the ELDT regulations., it will not verify if a driver has met any State or local requirements.*

## What should States do now?

To meet the February 7, 2022, implementation date, States should have a plan to complete the following actions:



### OBTAIN AUTHORITY

Enact State legislation and/or regulations, as necessary, to adopt and enforce the ELDT regulations.



### CONNECT TO THE TPR

Implement an IT solution (or solutions) to retrieve and display data from the Training Provider Registry.



### EDUCATE STAFF

Train staff on the new requirements and how to access data from the Training Provider Registry for entry-level drivers who apply and test for their CLP or CDL.