



## TALKING POINTS

### Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Compliance Date and Training Provider Registry Launch

February 7, 2022

*Please use this guide when responding to questions about the launch of the Training Provider Registry.*

#### What is the Training Provider Registry?

- The Training Provider Registry is an online database that aims to improve highway safety by retaining a record of all individuals who have completed entry-level driver training, as required by the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations.
- The Training Provider Registry also maintains the list of registered training providers that have self-certified they meet Federal entry-level driver training requirements. Drivers who are required to complete entry-level driver training must use the Registry to search for a training provider.
- As of February 7, 2022, FMCSA's Training Provider Registry (<https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>) is fully operational.

#### How are stakeholders required to use the Training Provider Registry?

Beginning on Monday, February 7, 2022, the following requirements will be enforced:

##### 1. DRIVERS: COMPLETE TRAINING WITH A REGISTERED PROVIDER

Individuals subject to ELDT regulations must complete required training from a registered training provider before being permitted to take the required commercial driver's license (CDL) skills or knowledge test.

An interactive search for registered training providers is now available on the Training Provider Registry: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>. This is available to the public; no registration is required to search for providers.

##### 2. PROVIDERS: REGISTER AND SUBMIT TRAINING CERTIFICATION

All entities that provide entry-level driver training must be registered in the Training Provider Registry.

Providers must also submit training certification for each student to the Registry by the end of the second business day after the driver has completed training.

##### 3. STATES: VERIFY TRAINING COMPLETION

State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) must use the information in the Training Provider Registry, submitted by training providers, to verify training completion prior to administering the relevant CDL skills or knowledge test to individuals subject to the ELDT requirements.

States must also notify FMCSA when a training provider in their State does not meet the State's requirements for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) instruction.

- The ELDT regulations pertaining to CDL applicants and training providers can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 49, part [380 subparts F and G](#).
- The ELDT regulations pertaining to State requirements can be found in §§ [383.71](#), [383.73](#), and [384.230](#).

### Which CDL applicants are subject to ELDT?

- Beginning February 7, 2022, the ELDT regulations apply to entry-level drivers, who are individuals 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; or
  - Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement *for the first time*.
- An individual who receives a commercial learner’s permit (CLP) before February 7, 2022 and is issued a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires is not subject to the ELDT requirements.
- An individual who is otherwise exempt from obtaining a CDL (per 49 CFR [380.603\(a\)](#)) is not subject to the ELDT requirements.
- Individuals that have been issued these types of licenses or endorsements in the past are not subject to EDLT regulations, even if the previously-issued license or endorsement is no longer valid.

### What is required of CDL applicants subject to ELDT regulations?

- Beginning February 7, 2022, entry-level drivers subject to ELDT regulations must complete entry-level driver training with a training provider listed on the Training Provider Registry to be eligible for a CDL skills test or specified endorsement knowledge test.
- Entry-level driver training covers basic operations, safe operating procedures, advanced operating practices, vehicles systems, and non-driving activities, among other topics.
- The type of training required depends on the type of license or endorsement for which the driver is applying. Below is a summary:

License/Endorsement	Is Theory Training Required?	Is Behind-the-Wheel Training Required?
Class A CDL (new or upgrade)	Yes	Yes – Range and Public Road
Class B CDL	Yes	Yes – Range and Public Road
Passenger (P) endorsement	Yes	Yes – Range <i>or</i> Public Road
School bus (S) endorsement	Yes	Yes – Range <i>or</i> Public Road
Hazardous materials (H) endorsement	Yes	No

- Theory training may be conducted in-person or online.
- Students must demonstrate proficiency in all subjects and score at least 80% on a training provider-administered theory assessment.
- The Federal requirements do not supersede or replace any additional CDL requirements imposed by individual States.

## About the ELDT Regulations

- Mandated under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the ELDT regulations were developed with input from driver and training organizations, motor carriers, state licensing agencies, safety advocacy groups, and insurance companies. Implementing uniform training standards will ensure that new drivers have both the knowledge and skills to operate safely. The Training Provider Registry connects training providers, entry-level drivers, and State licensing agencies to promote compliance with these essential safety regulations.
- CDL applicants, training providers, and the public can find additional educational resources on the Training Provider Registry website at <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>.