

TRAINING MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators









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The ELDT Final Rule

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Training Requirements

Which trainings are entry-level drivers required to complete?

Training Provider Requirements

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The Training Provider Registry

 Once operational, how will drivers, training providers, and States be required to use it?

Countdown to ELDT

What should be done today to prepare for February 7, 2022?

Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Final Rule

- Published in 2016, mandated by MAP-21
- Set a Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level drivers
 - Establishes minimum training requirements entry-level drivers and training providers must meet
 - States may have requirements that exceed Federal requirements
- Compliance Date: February 7, 2022
- Established the need for the Training Provider Registry (TPR)

Entry-Level Drivers – Who Is Covered?

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.

Driver Requirements

- Entry-level drivers must complete the applicable training from a registered training provider.
 - Must be completed prior to taking a CDL skills test or, if applying for the H
 endorsement, 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 for obtaining a CDL, so long as they obtain a CDL or endorsement before their CLP (or renewed CLP) expires.

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



- 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 Operation Procedures
 - Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions
 - Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)



BEHIND-THE-WHEEL (BTW) TRAINING

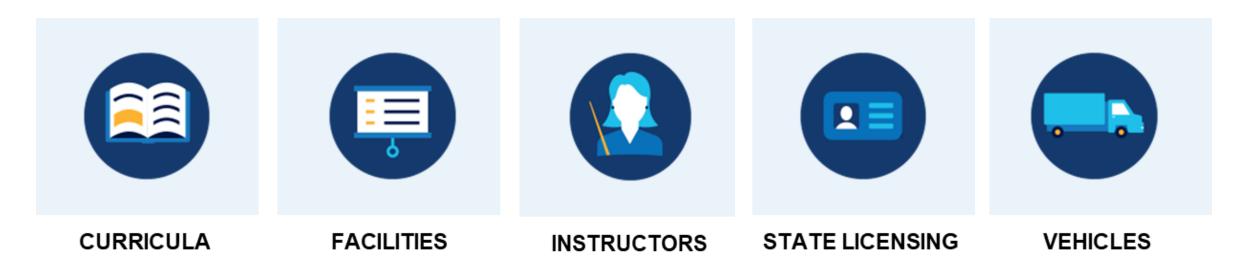
- Actual operation of a CMV
- Takes place on a range or public road
- May not use a simulator to meet requirements
- No minimum number of hours, training provider will determine driver's proficiency
- Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers

- Behind The Wheel (BTW) Public Road
 - Instructors must cover all topics listed and "determine and document that each driver-trainee has demonstrated proficiency in all element of the BTW curriculum unless otherwise noted
 - See Appendices A and B to 49 CFR Part 380
 - Does not allow for "test outs" of skills training on either range or public road
 - Each trainee must successfully complete the entire program to successfully operate a CMV

- Theory and BTW trainings may be delivered by different training providers
 - Both training providers must be registered and listed on the Training Provider Registry
 - Both training providers would submit driver training information to FMCSA
- BTW range and BTW public road trainings must be provided by the same training provider

- What is a training provider?
 - An entity that is listed on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry
 - This includes:
 - Training schools
 - Educational institutions
 - Rural electronic cooperatives
 - Motor carriers
 - State/local governments
 - School districts
 - Joint labor management
 - Owner-operators
 - Individuals

- Beginning February 7, 2022:
 - Training providers wishing to provide entry-level driver training must register and self-certify that they meet all FMCSA and State requirements that apply to:

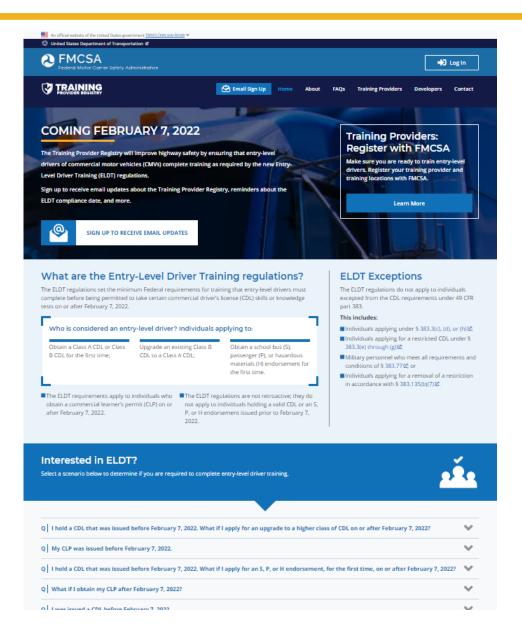


- Beginning February 7, 2022:
 - After a driver successfully completes the required training, the training provider must electronically submit the driver-trainee's training certification information to the Training Provider Registry.
 - Must be submitted by midnight of the second business day after the drivertrainee completes the training.

The Training Provider Registry

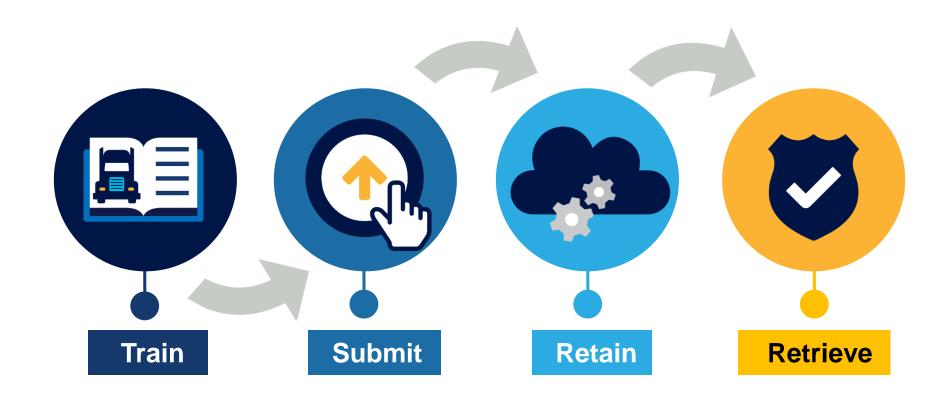
Training Provider Registry

- FMCSA Web System that will:
 - Contain the official list of approved entrylevel driver training providers.
 - Retain a record of drivers that have successfully completed entry-level driver training.



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Training Provider Registry

- How do training providers register?
 - Visit https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/Provider
 - Three steps to register:



Create a Login.gov Account

Training providers will create, or use an existing, login.gov username (email address) and password to access the Training Provider Registry. Learn more about login.gov.

Register as a Training Provider

Select **one person** to register the training provider with FMCSA. Once approved, this user may invite other individuals to register and work in the Registry on behalf of the training provider.

Register Training Locations

Once FMCSA approves the company's registration request, providers can log in to register training locations. Providers with multiple locations will need to register each location.

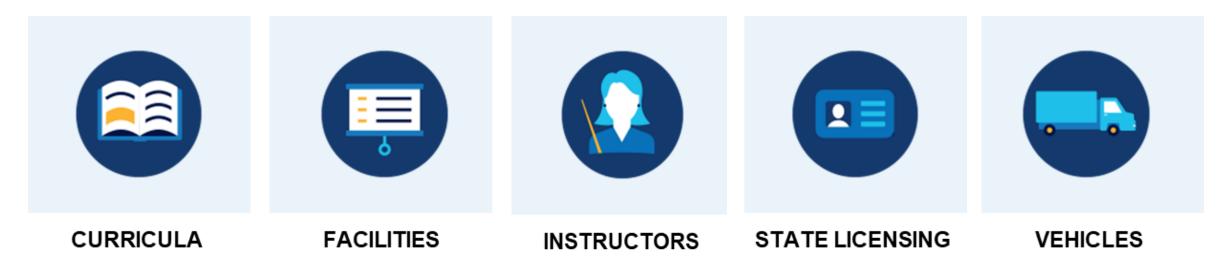
- Self-certification of meeting ELDT requirements occurs during location registration
- For more help, download the <u>Training Provider Registration Guide</u>

Training Provider Registry

- How will training providers submit driver data?
- Beginning February 7, 2022, registered training provider users will log in to the Training Provider Registry and start the process to enter driver training certification information
- Optional: Transfer via TPR Web Service
 - Transfer large amounts of data at one time
 - Must have own IT system
 - More information at https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/DeveloperToolkit

Countdown to ELDT

- Make a plan!
 - Meet all training provider requirements by February 7, 2022
 - Once you meet all requirements, visit https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/Provider to register



- Determine how you will submit driver data to FMCSA
 - If using Web Services, set up the web interface

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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