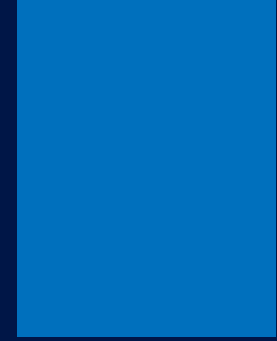


# Entry Level Driver Training



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# Agenda

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- Overview of the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Final Rule – What does it require of CDL applicants, training providers, and state driver license agencies
- Training Requirements – What training must entry-level drivers complete
- Training Provider Registry (TPR) – How will CDL applicants, training providers, and States use it
- Training Provider Requirements – What do the regulations require of training providers
- State Requirements – Once operational, how will States use the registry

# The ELDT Final Rule – Overview and Purpose

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- Establishes a Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level drivers
- Establishes the requirement for FMCSA to develop a Training Provider Registry
- Establishes a compliance date of February 7, 2022

# Overview/Purpose Continued

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## Who must comply

- A first-time Class A or Class B CDL applicant – e.g. an individual beginning the CLP/CDL process on or after February 7, 2022
- Class B driver seeking to upgrade to a Class A on or after February 7, 2022
- Applicants seeking to obtain an HM, Passenger, or School Bus Endorsement on or after February 7, 2022

## Which Drivers Are NOT Subject to ELDT

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- The rule does **not** apply to
- Drivers who held a comparable CDL prior to ELDT requirement
- Individuals not required to have a CDL per State waivers
- State exemptions allowed by §383.3
- Individuals for whom States have waived the CDL skills test

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## **Drivers Who Are Not Subject (continued)**

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- Drivers obtaining a CDL under 49 CFR 383.77 (military waiver)
- Applicants who obtain a CLP before February 7, 2022, so long they applicable tests before their CLP expire
- Drivers seeking to remove certain restriction from a current CDL.
- Drivers reinstating a CDL after a period of disqualification

# Training Requirements - Drivers

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- Two types of training CDL applicants must complete
  - Theory
  - Behind-the-Wheel (BTW)
    - Theory and BTW may be conducted by separate providers as long as they are both listed on the TPR and both submit documentation of completion

# Training Requirements – Drivers (continued)

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- Theory
  - Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, on-line, etc.
  - No minimum number of hours but trainees must take an exam and achieve a score of at least 80%\*
  - Training must include – basic operations, safe operation, procedures, advanced operation procedures, vehicle systems, and non-driving activities (e.g. hours of service, driver health, etc.)



# Training Requirements – Drivers (continued)

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- BTW
  - Must include actual operation, not just observation of particular exercises or segments of training
  - Must include both range or public road – no simulators
  - No minimum hours of training\*
  - Trainee must demonstrate mastery of basic vehicle controls (e.g. backing of CMV) and basic maneuvers (e.g. how to drive/control a CMV) – see Appendices A and B to Part 380

## Training Requirements – Drivers (continued)

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- Behind-the-Wheel must include range training and public road training – training must be provided by the same provider
- Theory and Behind-the-Wheel must be completed within one year of each other
- Instructors cannot allow a trainee to “test out” of skills training on either range or public road portions of the training

# Training Provider Registry

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- Web-based program that
  - Allows drivers to search for training providers
  - Allows training providers to upload certification that applicants have completed training
  - Allows FMCSA to retain driver training data
  - Allows State Driver's License Agencies to retrieve and verify electronically that applicants have completed training prior to administering applicable tests

# Training Provider/Training Provider Registry (continued)

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- What types of entities can be training providers
  - Training Schools
  - Institutes of Higher Education
  - Rural Electric/Phone Companies

# Types of Entities That can Be Training Providers (continued)

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- Motor Carriers\*
- State/local Government
- Individuals

# Training Provider/Training Provider Registry (continued)

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- How can an individual or organization become a training provider
  - Register as a provider on the TPR – see 49 CFR 380.703 for more information
  - Certify that the entity will teach approved curricula outlined in 49 CFR 380
  - Have instructors that meet requirements outline in 49 CFR 380
  - Have proper facilities and vehicle

## Training Provider/Training Provider Registry (continued)

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- Comply with applicable State requirements if any relating to CMV training schools\*
- Require students to take theory assessment and upload results to TPR website
- Upload BTW proficiency certifications to the registry
- Allow FMCSA to audit facilities

# Training Provider/Training Provider Registry (continued)

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- Available Resources and Support
  - Training Provider Registry Developers Toolkit – <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/DeveloperToolkit>
- When will Registry be available
  - TPR has been deployed and is open for training providers to register
  - Next deadline is late CY 2021 when the registry will be publicly viewable by the public so that drivers can locate training providers



## What ELDT requires of States

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- States are required to use the registry to verify that drivers have completed training before administering applicable skills and or knowledge tests
- Report training providers that do not meet applicable State requirements to FMCSA

# ND Requirements for Driver Training Schools

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- See requirements outlined in North Dakota Administrative Code 37-13
- Website - <https://www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/html/37-13.html>