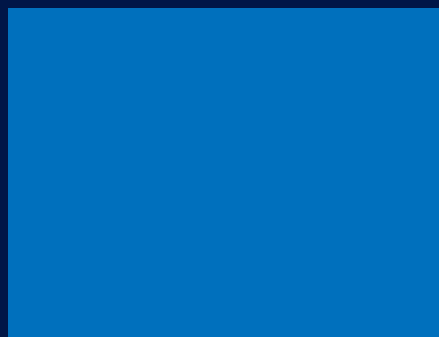


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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING



“KEY” ISSUES

- **Truck driver shortage;**
- **Supply chain issues exacerbated by COVID-19 pandemic;**
- **Aging workforce and where are the new drivers coming from?;**
- **Federal limitations/regulations for operating CMVs in interstate commerce (i.e., must be 21 years of age).**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) rule published 12/8/16, mandated by Congress in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) legislation;**
- **Set a Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level drivers**
 - **Established minimum training requirements entry-level drivers and training providers must meet**
 - **States may have requirements that exceed Federal requirements**
- **Established the need for the Training Provider Registry (TPR)**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **ELDT has now been in effect for over one year (effective date 2/7/22);**
- **ELDT requirements found in 49 CFR Part 380 Subparts F and G of Federal regulations.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Who is subject to ELDT? Individuals applying for:**
 - **Class A or B CDL for the first time;**
 - **A CDL upgrade (e.g., a Class B CDL holder seeking a Class A CDL); or,**
 - **A hazardous materials (H), passenger (P), or school bus (S) endorsement for the first time**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Five separate training curricula:**
 - **Class A CDL;**
 - **Class B CDL;**
 - **Hazardous Materials (H) endorsement;**
 - **Passenger (P) endorsement; and**
 - **School Bus (S) endorsement**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **These various training curricula subdivided into theory (knowledge) and behind-the-wheel (BTW) (range & public road) segments;**
- **No minimum number of hours that driver-trainees must spend on theory (or BTW) curricula;**
- **Training provider must provide instruction in all elements of the applicable theory curricula and driver-trainees must receive an overall score of at least 80% on assessment (written or electronic).**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **HME endorsement theory training specifically detailed in Appendix E to Part 380 of FMCSRs – theory training only;**
- **13 minimum areas of instruction in the HME theory training;**
- **Assessment must be done at completion of training; driver-trainee must get assessment score of at least 80% for course completion.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Is the CDL General Knowledge theory training required for a Class C CDL with a hazardous materials endorsement (HME)?**
 - **ELDT does not include a Class C CDL curriculum. However, an applicant wishing to obtain a HME and transport those materials in a Group C vehicle must complete the HME training (Theory only).**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Is there any BTW training required for a Class C CDL with HME (12–26-foot non-CDL truck)?**
 - The ELDT regulations do not include a Class C CDL curriculum.**
- **If a driver was issued a CDL and endorsement prior to February 7, 2022, the driver is not subject to the ELDT requirements if the driver chooses to re-obtain a CDL of the same class, even if the previously-issued CDL is not currently valid.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Applicant may obtain TSA Clearance in advance – 60 to 120 days and the Agency has also heard applicants do this first before doing ELDT;**
- **Applicant will obtain a current Medical Examiners Certificate which we've also heard they may do before ELDT.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Applicant must complete the HME theory training from a registered training provider;**
 - **Have the completed result uploaded to the TPR by the training provider (all electronic). The results are good for one year. A driver's ELDT certification results remain valid indefinitely.**
 - **For those individuals needing to complete theory and BTW, they must complete the theory and BTW (range and public road) portions of ELDT within one year of completing the first portion.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **After a driver successfully passes the required assessments, the training provider must electronically submit the driver-trainee's certification information to the TPR;**
- **Must submit the driver's ELDT data by midnight of the second business day after the driver-trainee completes the training.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **When registering in the TPR, prospective provider must self-certify they meet the requirements in 49 CFR § 380.703. including:**
 - 1. Curricula: Both theory and BTW instruction must cover all topics outlined in 49 CFR part 380 appendices A through E.**
 - 2. Facilities: Classroom and range facilities must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and/ or local statutes and regulations.**
 - 3. Instructors: Theory/BTW instructors as defined in §380.605.**
 - 4. State Licensing: Must be licensed, certified, registered, or authorized by the State where the training is conducted.**
 - 5. Vehicles: Must comply with applicable Federal and State safety requirements and be in the same group and type that driver trainees intend to operate for their CDL skills test.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **FMCSA retains the driver training certification info securely in the TPR;**
- **Only registered training providers can submit driver data into the system; retrieval confirms that the driver completed their training with a registered provider;**
- **Only training providers who are registered with FMCSA are able to submit driver training certification information;**
- **FMCSA offers a feature that allows the driver to view his or her own record on the TPR website. States may only accept driver training certification information from the TPR to determine if a driver is eligible for the applicable skills or knowledge test.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Any user can search for registered training providers. The search functionality is at the top of the TPR home page;**
- **Users will enter their search criteria and click the magnifying glass icon to begin their search;**
- **The home page also serves as an information page for drivers about the ELDT regulations, and links to a landing page that contains resources and education information.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **In keeping with the ELDT regulations in 49 CFR Part 380, FMCSA will be indicating if a provider has been notified of the need for corrective action;**
- **If the provider makes the necessary corrective actions within 60 days, this notice will be removed from the provider's listing. If not, in keeping with the involuntary removal process outlined in § 380.723(b), the provider would no longer appear in search results.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Driver-trainees can use the Record Check feature to see the certification information they have in the Registry;**
- **Drivers will enter their name, CLP/CDL information, and answer a question about their training record to verify their identity;**
- **To start the record check drivers can visit the TPR home page and scroll down to the “Start Record Check” button.**

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **To learn more about ELDT and the TPR, visit: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>;**
- **For further information contact:
Email:
<https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/#contact>**

QUESTIONS??

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