



# Entry Level Driver Training

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# Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)

- ▶ Creates a federal standard for mandatory training (FMCSA Part 380)
- ▶ Compliance Date: February 7, 2022
- ▶ Applies to all individuals applying for:
  - ▶ A Class A or Class B Commercial Drivers 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.
- ▶ If individual has Commercial Learners Permit (CLP) prior to 2/7 have one year to complete skills test.



# Does ELDT Apply to Me?

- ▶ Do you use vehicles that require a Class A or B CDL?
- ▶ Require new employees to already have CDL?
- ▶ Use a third-party vendor for transportation services?
- ▶ Use a third-party vendor to provide training for new drivers?
- ▶ Train my own employees who are required to have a CDL?

# ELDT Training Requirements

- ▶ Theory Training
- ▶ Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Training



# ELDT Theory Training

- ▶ Must provide required information dictated in statute.
  - ▶ Class B – 34 Units
  - ▶ Endorsement P – 18 Units
  - ▶ Endorsement S – 11 Units
- ▶ May be completed through lecture, demos, computer, online, etc.
- ▶ No minimum hours – Score 80% on assessments
- ▶ May be done by different provider than BTW Trainer.

# ELDT Theory Training

## Unit B1.1.4 Basic Control

This unit must introduce basic vehicular control and handling as it applies to commercial motor vehicles. This unit must include instruction addressing basic CMV controls in areas such as executing sharp left and right turns, centering the vehicle, maneuvering in restricted areas, and entering and exiting the interstate or controlled access highway.



# Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) Training

- ▶ Drive-Trainee must be in control of vehicle.
- ▶ Class B – 18 Units
- ▶ P Endorsement – 6 Units
- ▶ S Endorsement – 6 Units
- ▶ May be done on range or public road (if on public road driver must have CLP).
- ▶ No minimum number of hours (If school bus driver must have 12 hours per KSDE).
- ▶ Driver-Trainer is responsible for determining competency of driver.

# Training Provider Requirements

- ▶ Any entity listed in the FMCSA Training Provider Registry (TPR)
- ▶ May include:
  - ▶ Training schools
  - ▶ State/local governments
  - ▶ School districts
  - ▶ Educational institutions
  - ▶ Owner-operators
  - ▶ Individuals



# Training Provider Requirements

- ▶ Register on TPR
- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Instructors
- ▶ Facilities
- ▶ Vehicles
- ▶ State Licensed
- ▶ Assessments
- ▶ Training Certification
- ▶ Documentation

# TPR Registration

- ▶ ALL training providers must register, even if not offering public training.
- ▶ Training Provider is the entity. They must attest to that they will use facilities, vehicles, and instructors that meet all criteria.
- ▶ Recommend establishing one location per entity.

<https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>



# ELDT Curriculum (Theory Training)

- ▶ Must cover all topics in 49 CFR 380 appendices A-E
- ▶ May use separate providers for theory and BTW
- ▶ Driver-Trainees must complete theory and BTW within 1 year
- ▶ Suggest doing theory first
  - ▶ Supplement to study for written test
  - ▶ Obtain CLP
  - ▶ Use 14 day waiting period for CDL to complete BTW

# ELDT Instructors

- ▶ Hold CDL for same or higher class with all endorsements for CMV
- ▶ 2 years experience driving same or higher CMV and/or same endorsement; or
- ▶ 2 years experience as a BTW CMV instructor
- ▶ If instructors CDL has been cancelled due to any disqualifying offenses may not instruct for at least 2 years following reinstatement
- ▶ Disqualifying offenses include DUI, Felony's in CMV, leaving scene of accident, causing fatality, etc. 49 CFR 383.51



# ELDT Facilities

- ▶ Classroom must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and/or local statutes and regulations
- ▶ BTW Range is defined as an area that:
  - ▶ Is free of obstructions
  - ▶ Has adequate sight lines
  - ▶ Enables the driver to maneuver safely and free from interference from other vehicles and hazards
- ▶ BTW does not have to be on range, it may be on public road BUT driver must have CLP

# ELDT Vehicles

- ▶ Vehicles must comply with safety requirements
- ▶ Vehicle must be same group and type that driver-trainees intend to use for skills test



# State Licensing

- ▶ Training provider must be licensed, certified, registered, or authorized by the State where training is conducted.

# Assessments

- ▶ Theory
  - ▶ Must use an assessment to determine trainees' proficiency
  - ▶ Trainee must earn a minimum score of 80 percent
- ▶ BTW Training
  - ▶ Driver-Trainers must evaluate driver-trainees proficiency in BTW skills
  - ▶ Document all BTW requirements with hours spent



# Driver Training Certification

- ▶ Training Provider must submit driver-trainee information by midnight of second day upon completion of theory and BTW Training
- ▶ Submit on TPR. The process is pretty self explanatory
- ▶ Provide driver with training certificate.

# Documentation

- ▶ Training providers must retain:
  - ▶ Self certifications by accepted driver-trainees for BTW training
  - ▶ Copy of trainees CLP or CDL
  - ▶ Instructor qualifications
  - ▶ Lesson plans for theory and BTW training
  - ▶ Record of training assessments
- ▶ Must be maintained for 3 years



# CDL License

- ▶ Information submitted to TPR
- ▶ Truckers Against Trafficking
- ▶ At least 14 days after CLP may take skills test for CDL
- ▶ Pass skills test
- ▶ Apply for CDL
- ▶ Division of Vehicles will access TPR to verify completion of ELDT
- ▶ License issued



You have a  
New CDL  
Driver!