



New Requirements for CDL Applicants

The new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Final Rule sets a federal standard for mandatory training of all CDL drivers and establishes a minimum standard that all CDL driver training providers must meet. It also establishes the need for the creation of a **Training Provider Registry**. ([About the Training Provider Registry](#)) This rule does not supersede State standards that may be more stringent.

The ELDT regulations establish new minimum training standards for 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

Driver applicants must obtain training from a training provider listed on the [Training Provider Registry](#).

ELDT EXCEPTIONS. The ELDT regulations do not apply to individuals that are not required to have a CDL as outlined in [49 CFR part 383](#), or for whom the state has waived the CDL skills test.

Applicants may use the information at the link below to determine if they are subject to this new requirement

https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/content/Resources/ELDT-Applicability-Factsheet_508.pdf

What requirements must entry-level CDL applicants meet?

All entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) must receive training from a provider listed on [FMCSA's Training Provider Registry](#) beginning February 7, 2022. Only registered training providers will be able to submit certification of a driver's completion of entry-level driver training to the Training Provider Registry. Individuals who obtain a commercial learner's permit (CLP) on or after February 7, 2022, will be required to meet the ELDT requirements.

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Individuals who obtain a CLP before February 7, 2022 are not subject to the new ELDT regulations, so long as they obtain a CDL or endorsement before their CLP (or renewed CLP) expires.

For further information, you may contact the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Office of Safety Programs at <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/#contact>

