

Entry-Level Driver Training Places Several New Requirements on CDL Schools and Driver Training

On Ramp™ ELDT from Instructional Technologies, Inc. eases the burden on CDL schools for meeting new federal entry-level driver training, testing and recordkeeping requirements

Vancouver, Washington – April 22, 2019 -- Instructional Technologies Inc. (ITI), providers of training solutions for the transportation industry, today announced the availability of On Ramp™ ELDT (Entry-Level Driver Training). The cost-effective online training, testing and recordkeeping system helps CDL schools meet the new federal entry-level driver training standards that go into effect in February 2020.

“While the entry-level driver training rules will make new drivers safer and easier to hire, if you’re a CDL school or a fleet that trains drivers the list of changes will add time and cost to training,” said Laura McMillan, VP of training development at ITI. “Responsibility for the written test has essentially been put on CDL schools instead of DMVs, which places a great burden on them not only for providing training and content but also for recordkeeping. On Ramp eases that burden.”

On Ramp meets entry-level driver training mandatory theory training requirements on the 31 core curriculum areas required under the new standards, eliminating the need for CDL schools to create new ELDT-compliant content. ITI evaluates and updates content on a regular basis so schools remain compliant.

After students’ complete courses, instructors can use a Group Training Module to lead in-class discussions about real world situations, answer individual questions, and cement learning points.

In addition to providing ELDT-compliant training, On Ramp includes a custom-built LMS that records the completion of mandatory courses, regardless of whether students took the course individually or in a group setting. This capability makes it easier for CDL schools to meet the recordkeeping requirements of the ELDT mandate.

On Ramp can also automatically send student completion data, including proficiency scores, to the DOT’s Training Provider Registry (TPR). While details of the TPR are pending, DOT will use the registry to keep track of approved training providers and drivers who complete training. ITI is working closely with the DOT and the Commercial Vehicle Training Association (CVTA) to ensure that

connection between the TPR and On Ramp, including secure data storage capabilities, is seamless and automatic.

Along with providing ELDT training and instructor certification and meeting training provider requirements, ITI can help assess a fleet's or CDL school's overall ELDT readiness.

About Instructional Technologies, Inc.

Founded in 1995 and based in Vancouver, Washington, Instructional Technologies Inc. (ITI) is the leading provider of online training to the transportation industry. The company's commitment to training is based on the principles of mastery learning, accurate and automated record keeping, and up-to-date information that ensure personnel have been effectively trained and detailed records kept. ITI makes fleets and warehouses safer and more profitable through its PRO-TREAD® library of more than 150 standard training courses that blend engaging content with real-world, how-to scenarios, its On Ramp™ ELDT (Entry Level Driver Training), and its Sentix® platform that automates the day-to-day administration of an online training program in addition to integrating with transportation management and back office systems. Transportation and logistics companies choose ITI because of its automated learning management system, custom training capabilities, flexible lesson methodologies, and engaging 3D animations that improve retention, ensure subject matter mastery and lower the total cost of training. For more information, please visit www.instructiontech.net.

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ELDT At a Glance

Current Rules	After ELDT Takes Effect
CDL training and testing standards are determined by the states	Sets new federal minimum standards for CDL schools
Any organization that meets state requirements can be a training provider	Establishes new Training Provider Registry* that CDL schools must apply to join
Training standards vary widely from state to state	Standardizes 31 theory course topics and 19 behind-the-wheel skills
	CDL schools must record hours spent behind-the-wheel, but no federal minimum
DMVs are responsible for administering written and driving CDL tests	
	Behind-the-wheel and inspection skills still tested at state DMV
No minimum requirements for instructors	Mandates new minimum qualifications for instructors

**TPR is not live, nor has guidance been provided for the application process.*

ELDT Theory Topics Included with Assessments in On Ramp

1. Designation
2. Orientation
3. Control Systems / Dashboard
4. Pre and Post-Trip Inspections
5. Basic Control
6. Shifting/Operating Transmissions
7. Backing and Docking
8. Coupling and Uncoupling
9. Visual Search
10. Communications
11. Distracted Driving
12. Speed Management
13. Space Management
14. Night Operation
15. Extreme Driving Conditions
16. Hazard Perception
17. Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing and other Emergencies
18. Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
19. Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions
20. Roadside Inspections
21. Maintenance
22. Handling and Documenting Cargo
23. Environmental Compliance Issues
24. Hours of Service Requirements
25. Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
26. Post-Crash Procedures
27. External Communications
28. Whistleblower/Coercion
29. Trip Planning
30. Drugs and Alcohol
31. Medical Requirements