



# TRAINING

## PROVIDER REGISTRY

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MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR  
Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators

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# The Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) final rule

- Published in 2016, mandated by MAP-21.
- Set a Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level drivers.
  - Establishes minimum requirements entry-level driver training providers must meet.
  - States may have requirements that exceed Federal requirements.
- Established need for the **Training Provider Registry**.
- Compliance Date: **February 7, 2022**.

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## How will ELDT improve safety on our Nation's roads?

- Ensures that only qualified drivers receive a new CDL, or a CDL upgrade, or S, P, or H endorsement.
- Sets a national baseline for entry-level driver training.
- Identifies standards that training providers must meet.
- Gives States information they need at critical safety checkpoints.
- Further ensures that drivers operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) safely and meet their operational responsibilities.

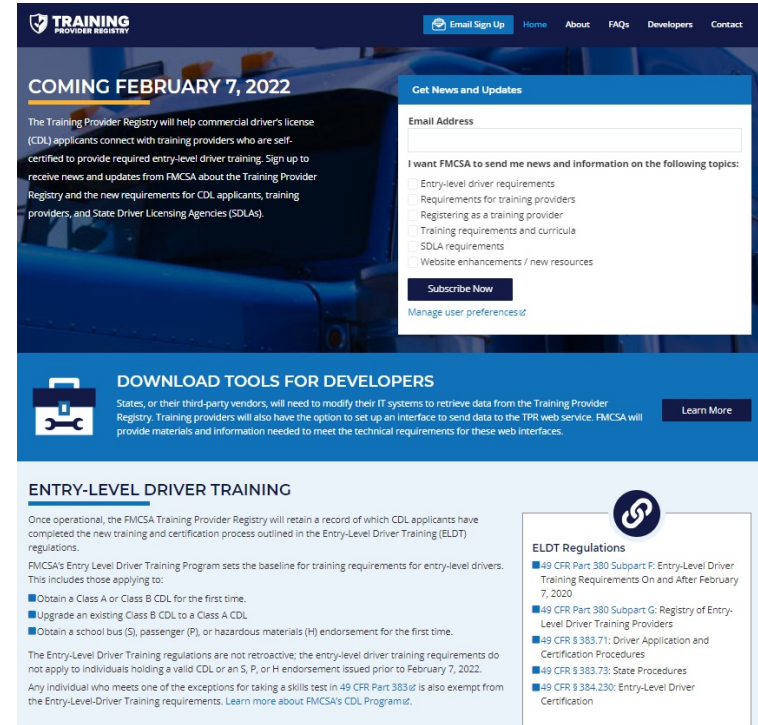
**The Training Provider Registry ensures that these lifesaving requirements are met.**

# The Training Provider Registry

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# The Training Provider Registry

- This FMCSA web system will:
  - List training providers eligible to provide entry-level driver training.
  - Retain a record of drivers that have successfully completed entry-level driver training.



The screenshot shows the Training Provider Registry website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Email Sign Up', 'Home', 'About', 'FAQs', 'Developers', and 'Contact'. The main content area features a prominent announcement: 'COMING FEBRUARY 7, 2022'. Below this, a text block explains that the registry will help CDL applicants connect with training providers. To the right, there is a 'Get News and Updates' section with an email address input field and a list of topics users can subscribe to, including entry-level driver requirements, training provider requirements, and SDLA requirements. A 'Subscribe Now' button and a 'Manage user preferences' link are also present. Below the announcement, there is a 'DOWNLOAD TOOLS FOR DEVELOPERS' section with a brief description and a 'Learn More' button. The bottom section is titled 'ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING' and provides detailed information about the ELDT regulations, including a list of CFR sections and a list of exemptions.

**COMING FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The Training Provider Registry will help commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants connect with training providers who are self-certified to provide required entry-level driver training. Sign up to receive news and updates from FMCSA about the Training Provider Registry and the new requirements for CDL applicants, training providers, and State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs).

**Get News and Updates**

Email Address

I want FMCSA to send me news and information on the following topics:

- Entry-level driver requirements
- Requirements for training providers
- Registering as a training provider
- Training requirements and curricula
- SDLA requirements
- Website enhancements / new resources

**Subscribe Now**

[Manage user preferences](#)

**DOWNLOAD TOOLS FOR DEVELOPERS**

States, or their third-party vendors, will need to modify their IT systems to retrieve data from the Training Provider Registry. Training providers will also have the option to set up an interface to send data to the TPR web service. FMCSA will provide materials and information needed to meet the technical requirements for these web interfaces.

**Learn More**

**ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING**

Once operational, the FMCSA Training Provider Registry will retain a record of which CDL applicants have completed the new training and certification process outlined in the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations.

FMCSA's Entry Level Driver Training Program sets the baseline for training requirements for entry-level drivers. This includes those applying to:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time.
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time.

The Entry-Level Driver Training regulations are not retroactive; the entry-level driver training requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022.

Any individual who meets one of the exceptions for taking a skills test in 49 CFR Part 383.42 is also exempt from the Entry-Level Driver Training requirements. [Learn more about FMCSA's CDL Program.](#)

**ELDT Regulations**

- 49 CFR Part 380 Subpart F: Entry-Level Driver Training Requirements On and After February 7, 2020
- 49 CFR Part 380 Subpart G: Registry of Entry-Level Driver Training Providers
- 49 CFR § 383.71: Driver Application and Certification Procedures
- 49 CFR § 383.73: State Procedures
- 49 CFR § 384.230: Entry-Level Driver Certification

# How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT?



## Search

### DRIVER

selects registered training provider from list on Training Provider Registry, completes training



## Submit

### TRAINING PROVIDER

electronically submits driver training data to Training Provider Registry



## Retain

### FMCSA

retains driver data in Training Provider Registry



## Retrieve

### STATE

retrieves driver data from Training Provider Registry

**What do the ELDT  
regulations require  
of entry-level  
drivers?**

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# Entry-Level Drivers – Who is Covered?

The ELDT regulations establish new minimum training standards for entry-level drivers. This includes individuals applying for:

A Class A or Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time

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An upgrade of an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL

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A hazardous materials (H), passenger (P), or school bus (S) endorsement for the first time

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- The rule does not cover individuals for whom States have waived the CDL skills test under 49 CFR 383 (§ [383](#)).

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# Driver Requirements

- Entry-level drivers must complete the applicable training from a training provider that has registered with FMCSA.
  - Registered training providers will be listed on the Training Provider Registry website (public listing coming fall 2021).
- Training must be completed prior to taking a CDL skills test or, if applying for the H endorsement, knowledge test.
- Whether or not a driver is subject to the ELDT regulations is determined by when they obtained their commercial learner's permit (CLP) or any pre-existing endorsements.

# ELDT Applicability



## ELDT Compliance Date February 7, 2022

- Drivers holding a CLP prior to the compliance date may obtain a CDL without completing entry-level training.
- If the CLP obtained prior to the compliance date, or renewed CLP, expires prior to obtaining a CDL, the driver would be subject to ELDT requirements for Class A or Class B CDL.
- If a driver holds S, P, or H endorsements prior to the compliance date, the driver is not subject to the ELDT requirements for the endorsement(s).
- Drivers who obtain a CLP on or after the compliance date are subject to ELDT regulations for CDLs.
- Drivers who apply for a S, P, or H endorsement after the compliance date are subject to ELDT requirements for those endorsements.

# **What are the ELDT training requirements?**

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# Training Requirements

Entry-level drivers must receive training and demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:



## THEORY TRAINING

- Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc.
- May use a simulator
- No minimum number of hours; trainees must score at least 80% on assessment
- Training topics include:
  - Basic Operation
  - Safe Operating Procedures
  - Advanced Operation Procedures
  - Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions
  - Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)



## BEHIND-THE-WHEEL (BTW) TRAINING

- Actual operation of a CMV
- Takes place on a range or public road
- May not use a simulator to meet requirements
- No minimum number of hours, training provider will determine driver's proficiency
- Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers

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## Training Requirements (continued)

- Theory and BTW trainings may be delivered by different training providers.
  - Both training providers must be registered/listed on the Training Provider Registry.
  - Both training providers would separately submit driver training information.
- BTW range and BTW public road trainings must be provided by the same training provider.
- Driver-trainees must complete both the theory and BTW portions of training within one year of each other.

**What do the ELDT  
regulations require  
of training  
providers?**

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# What is a training provider?

An entity that is listed on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry.

May include:

- Training schools
- Educational institutions
- Rural electronic cooperatives
- Motor carriers
- State/local governments
- School districts
- Joint labor management programs
- Owner-operators
- Individuals



# Training Provider Requirements



REGISTRATION



CURRICULA



INSTRUCTORS



FACILITIES



VEHICLES



STATE LICENSING



ASSESSMENTS



TRAINING  
CERTIFICATION



DOCUMENTATION



FMCSA AUDITS

For full training provider requirements, see 49 CFR part 380 subparts F & G.

# Training Provider Registry Timeline



**Summer 2021**

Training provider  
**registration** begins



**Fall 2021**

List of training  
providers **publicly**  
**available** on the  
Training Provider  
Registry website



**February 7, 2022**

ELDT compliance date  
Training providers begin  
**submitting training**  
**certification information**  
States begin  
**verifying driver training**  
**certification information**

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# Training Provider registration is open

## Ready to Register?

- Ensure your curricula, documentation, vehicles, etc. meet the minimum ELDT standards.
  - When you register, you must self-certify that you comply with all applicable ELDT requirements.
  - For a complete list of training provider requirements, visit [49 CFR part 380 subparts F and G](#) and [appendices A through E](#).
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# How will your training provider submit driver training certification information?

## Get Ready to Submit on February 7, 2022



### MANUAL SUBMISSION

All training providers will be able to manually enter driver information using an online form.

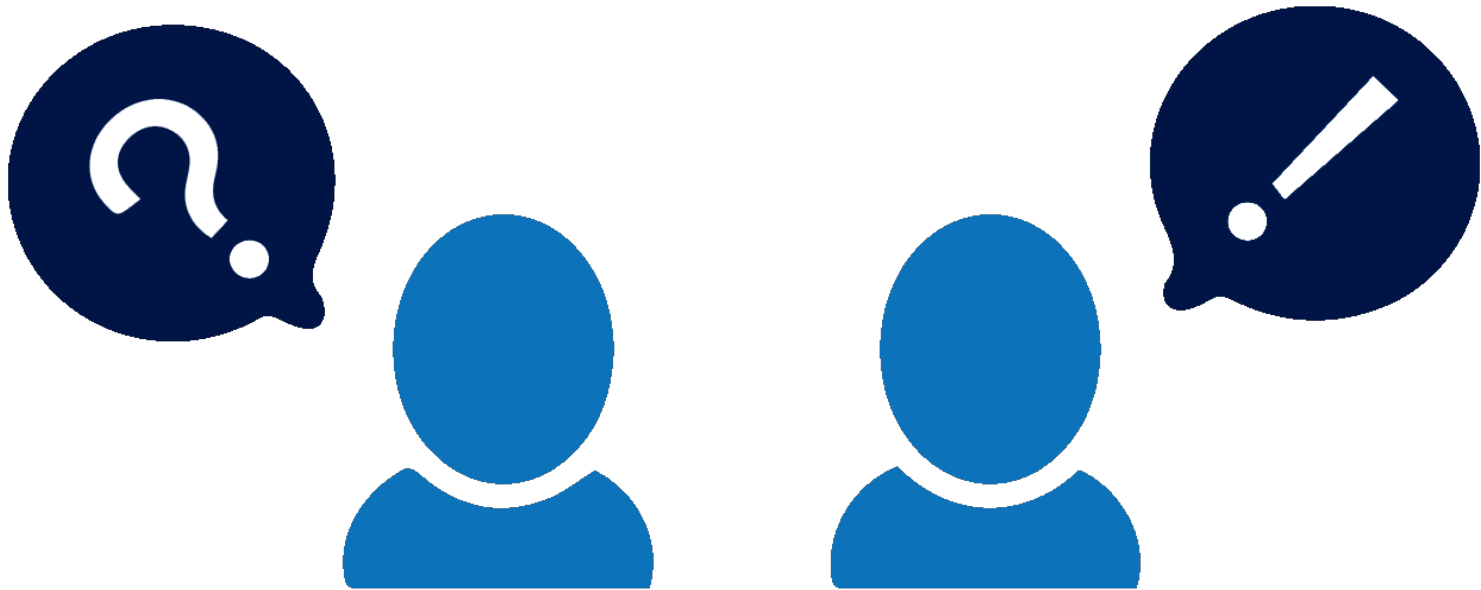


### WEB SERVICES SUBMISSION

Optional: Training providers with their own IT systems can set up a web interface to submit data via a TPR Web Service.

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## Q&A



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## Resources from FMCSA

- Visit the TPR website: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>
  - Sign up for email updates from FMCSA
  - Find answers to frequently asked questions
  - Access developer materials to help you build a connection to the TPR Web Service

### Driver/General Information

- Training Provider Registry Factsheet
- ELDT Overview Presentation

### Materials for Training Providers

- Training Provider Factsheet
- Countdown to ELDT Checklist
- ELDT Curricula Summary
- Training Providers Guide to ELDT eLearning
- Training Provider Registration Guide

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## Questions? Contact Us



To learn more about ELDT and the Training Provider Registry, visit:

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



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