

Who is considered an entry-level driver?

Entry-level commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operators in interstate and intrastate commerce who are 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

The requirements only apply to individuals who obtain a CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement on or after Feb. 7, 2022.

Which drivers are not subject to the ELDT requirements?



A CDL applicant with a valid commercial learner's permit (CLP) issued before Feb. 7, 2022, is not subject to the ELDT requirements as long as the applicant obtains a CDL before his or her CLP expires.

Any individual currently exempt from taking a skills test to obtain a Class A or Class B CDL, or S or P endorsement, is not subject to ELDT requirements.



What types of training must entry-level drivers complete?

The Training Provider Registry ensures that entry-level drivers receive training and demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

 THEORY TRAINING	 BEHIND-THE-WHEEL (BTW) TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc.• May use a simulator• No minimum number of hours; must score at least 80% on assessment• Training topics include: Basic Operation, Safe Operating Procedures, Advanced Operating Practices, Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions, and Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actual operation of a CMV• Takes place on a range or public road• May not use 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

How does the Training Provider Registry support the ELDT Program?



The ELDT regulations will save lives by:

- Ensuring that only qualified drivers receive a CDL, upgrade, or endorsement
- Setting a national baseline for entry-level driver training
- Identifying standards that training providers must meet
- Giving States information they need at critical safety checkpoints

The Training Provider Registry will be a critical piece of the Entry-Level Driver Training Program. By receiving and retaining driver certification information from training providers and relaying it to States, the Training Provider Registry will ensure that the requirements of the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations are met.

Attention Commercial Drivers



Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse is a secure online database that provides FMCSA and employers the ability to identify real-time drivers who are prohibited from operating a CMV based on DOT drug and alcohol program violations and ensure that such drivers receive the required evaluation and treatment before operating a CMV on public roads. Specifically, information maintained in the Clearinghouse enables employers to identify drivers who commit a drug or alcohol program violation while working for one employer, but who fail to subsequently inform another employer as required by current regulations.

Records of drug and alcohol program violations remain in the Clearinghouse for five years, or until the driver has completed the return-to-duty process, whichever is later. The Clearinghouse contains only violations that occurred on or after the rule's implementation date of Jan. 4, 2020.

For additional information, visit the Clearinghouse website at:
<https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov>

"No Show" Examination Fee ([Minnesota Statutes, section 171.13](#))

Effective Nov. 1, 2021, if an applicant fails to appear for a skills (road) test appointment, or fails to cancel the appointment within 24 hours of the appointment time, a fee will be added to the application fees.

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This manual is a summary of Minnesota's commercial driver's license requirements. For complete standards, consult Minnesota state statutes and rules. This document is not a proper legal authority to cite in court. For more information on Minnesota driving laws and rules for all drivers, refer to the Minnesota Driver's Manual.

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