

ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING | QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Do you need to enter training requirements separately for each class/endorsement?

Yes, for example: if an applicant applies for a Class B, passenger, and S endorsement
When a driver completes each of the training requirements, the training provider will be certified in the TPR; they will list nine items in TRP
Class B- Theory, BTW Range and BTW Public
Passenger-Theory, BTW Range, and BTW Public
S endorsement- Theory, BTW Range and BTW Public

Will ELDT affect the State requirement for S endorsement (714 720)?

FMCSA's ELDT regulations establish minimum training standards for entry-level drivers seeking a Class A or Class B commercial driver's license (CDL), a passenger (P) endorsement, or a school bus (S). The CDL regulations do not directly preempt State law. ELDT regulations also impose minimum qualification standards for training providers and instructors conducting entry-level driver training.

State requirements for S endorsement 714,720 are still the same as long as State curricula meet the minimum ELDT requirements. In addition, the State must not administer the test(s) until verifying that the applicant has completed the required entry-level driver training.

Are there minimum hours for ELDT Theory or BTW range/public?

No, Theory, there are no required minimum Instructors hours, but the instructor must cover all the topics in the curriculum. Training providers must use assessments (in written or electronic format) to determine if trainees are proficient in all units of the theory curriculum. Students must earn a minimum overall score of 80 percent on the theory assessment(s)

There are no required minimum instruction hours for the BTW range or public training, but the instructor must cover all topics outlined for BTW range/public curriculum. Therefore, the instructor must document the total number of clock hours (one clock hour for every 60 minutes of instruction) each Trainee takes to complete the BTW range/public curriculum. In addition, the instructor must document that each Trainee is proficient in all BTW range/public curriculum elements for the Trainee to complete.

Can two separate Training Providers do the required ELDT for the same Trainee?

Yes, separate training providers may provide Theory (knowledge) and BTW training. However, both types of training providers must be listed on the Training Provider Registry, and both would submit training certification information for Trainee on TPR.

What would happen if a training provider is late certifying a Trainees information on the TPR?

The purpose of the two-day reporting requirement is to ensure the driver's certification information is promptly available to the State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) so that drivers do not experience a delay in taking their skills or knowledge test once they have completed ELDT. Training providers who routinely fail to comply with the requirement may be subject to removal from the Training Provider Registry.

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Can a Trainee enter their certification on the TPR when they are told they have completed the required training?

No, a trainee cannot enter information into the TPR. Only the Training Provider on the TPR list of Training Providers has been issued an identification number.

If a trainee obtains a complete learners permit (CLP) that contains the class and or endorsements requested before February 7, 2022, and it has not expired, can they schedule a skills test without completed ELDT?

Yes, they are not required to complete ELDT. The requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an H, P, or S endorsement issued before February 7, 2022. Individuals who obtained a commercial learner's permit (CLP) before February 7, 2022, are not subject to ELDT requirements as long as they receive a CDL before the expiration date of the CLP or renewed CLP.

Who is required to do ELDT?

Individuals applying for

- A Class A or Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time;
- An upgrade of their CDL (e.g., a Class B CDL holder seeking a Class A CDL); or
- A hazardous materials (H), passenger (P), or school bus (S) endorsement for the first time.

When a driver wants to remove a restriction from their licenses, such as no air brake (L), no full air brake(Z), or manual transmission-equipped CMV(E), are they required to do ELDT?

No. Drivers requesting removal of restrictions from their CDL are not required to do ELDT regulations.

Do ELDT Instructors have to certify and register themselves on the TPR?

No, individual instructors do not need to register on the TPR.

Training providers need to register in the Training Provider Registry. Additionally, training providers do not need to provide the names of their instructors when registering. When the Training provider registers their locations, they self certify that their Instructors meet the requirements as ELDT Instructors.

However, suppose an individual instructor operates as a training provider (i.e., develops their own curricula, secures facilities and equipment, etc.). In that case, the individual is required to register as a training provider and self-certify that they meet the requirements.

Glossary

ELDT –Entry Level Driver Training
TPR – Training Provider Registry
CDL - Commerical Drivers License
CLP - Commerical Learners Permit
SDLA – State Drivers License Agency

More Information

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