

ELDT Entry-Level Driver Training



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Use the scenario chart below to determine if you are required to complete entry-level driver training.

If ➔ Then

A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022...

The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training, as long as the driver obtains a CDL before the CLP expires.

A driver was issued a CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement before February 7, 2022...

The driver is not required to complete entry-level driver training for the previously-issued license or endorsement, even if it has since lapsed.

A driver holds a CLP that was issued before February 7, 2022, but the CLP expires before the driver applies for his or her CDL...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training.

A driver obtains a CLP on or after February 7, 2022...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training.

A driver held a CDL prior to the compliance date, and applies for an upgrade to a higher class of CDL, or an S, P, or H endorsement for the first time on or after February 7, 2022...

The driver must complete the required entry-level driver training for the class of CDL to which the driver is upgrading or the endorsement(s) for which the driver is applying.

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.

What must drivers do to meet the ELDT requirements?

Complete training with a registered training provider

Entry-level drivers must select a training provider that is listed on the Training Provider Registry. 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.

When am I eligible to take my CDL skills or knowledge test?

Training must be completed before taking a CDL skills test or, if the driver is applying for the H endorsement, the knowledge test.

If the State Driver Licensing Agency cannot electronically verify that these requirements are met, the State is not permitted to administer the CDL skills or knowledge test to the driver.



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ELDT Training Requirements

Entry-level driver training will include instruction addressing the following four areas (§380.503):

(a) Driver qualification requirements	The Federal rules on medical certification, medical examination procedures, general qualifications, responsibilities, and disqualifications based on various offenses, orders, and loss of driving privileges (part 391, subparts B and E of this subchapter).
(b) Hours of service of drivers	The limitations on driving hours, the requirement to be off-duty for certain periods of time, record of duty status preparation, and exceptions (part 395 of this subchapter). Fatigue countermeasures as a means to avoid crashes.
(c) Driver wellness	Basic health maintenance including diet and exercise. The importance of avoiding excessive use of alcohol.
(d) Whistleblower protection	The right of an employee to question the safety practices of an employer without the employee's risk of losing a job or being subject to reprisals simply for stating a safety concern (29 CFR part 1978).

What is included in the ELDT Curriculum?

CDL Applicants must complete ELDT for the class of vehicle they wish to operate. Curricula for each class of vehicle may be found in the appendix to Part 380.

Appendix A to Part 380

[Class A - CDL Training Curriculum](#)

Appendix B to Part 380

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Appendix C to Part 380

[Passenger Endorsement Training Curriculum](#)

Appendix D to Part 380

[School Bus Endorsement Training Curriculum](#)

Appendix E to Part 380

[Hazardous Materials Endorsement Training Curriculum](#)

Appendix F to Part 380

[LCV Driver Training Programs, Required Knowledge and Skills](#)

Other General Requirements

- CDL Applicants must complete and pass with a minimum score of 80 a written assessment that test their proficiency of the knowledge objectives in the theory portion ELDT.
- Theory and behind-the-wheel instructors must be certified as defined in §380.605.
- Training providers will retain ELDT records for a minimum of three (3) years.
- For a complete detail of ELDT requirements review 49 CFR Part 380 Subpart E.