

# Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)

Beginning February 7, 2022, all entry-level operators of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in both **interstate and intrastate** commerce who are applying for a commercial driver's license (CDL) must first satisfactorily complete minimum training requirements before taking their state-administered CDL examination.

***This includes*** those seeking: a Class A or Class B CDL; an ***upgrade to their CDL*** (such as a Class B CDL holder seeking a Class A CDL), or a hazardous materials (H), passenger (P), or school bus (S) endorsement for their license. Also included are those taking a CDL or P and S endorsement skills test or the H endorsement knowledge examination

The *minimum training requirements consist of 31 mandatory theory (knowledge)* topics in five general areas and behind-the-wheel (BTW) sessions on an off-road driving range and on the road. The BTW training component must be in a representative vehicle for the CDL Class or endorsement sought. The hazardous materials (H) endorsement training does not include a BTW component. Truck driving simulators may be used for theory courses but not as a substitute for BTW sessions.

The training must be given by a “training provider” registered with FMCSA’s newly-established Training Provider Registry (TPR). Training providers can be either “for-hire” (commercial) or “not-for-hire,” such as government or non-profit entities, including training schools, educational institutions, state/ local governments, labor programs, motor carriers, owner-operators and individuals. Third-party accreditation of a training provider is not required. Instead, each must self-certify that it meets the FMCSA curriculum requirements and that the instructors it uses are qualified under FMCSA and any state instructor criteria. Instructors themselves need not register with the TPR. FMCSA may audit training providers, but because of self certification, FMCSA does not endorse any registered training provider and recommends students do their due diligence before enrollment.

**For more information, visit the FMCSA’s ELDT website.**