

Entry-Level Driver Training

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ON THE HORIZON

THE ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING FINAL RULE

Starting February 7, 2022, entry-level drivers won't be able to take their CDL test until they've successfully completed a specific program of theory and behind-the-wheel instruction provided by a school or other entity listed on FMCSA's new Training Provider Registry (TPR).



THE TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY

Phoenix Truck Driving School, located on the campus of Mohave Community College in Kingman, Arizona has been preparing for these changes for some time and is proud to be listed on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry at its launch.

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

HOW DOES THE TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY SUPPORT THE ELDT PROGRAM?

- 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

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WHAT IS THE TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY?

The Training Provider Registry is a web system that will help CDL applicants connect with qualified training providers to get the training they need to safely operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs).

It will also improve safety on our Nation's roads by receiving, retaining, and relaying a record of CDL applicants that have successfully completed the required entry-level driver training.



WHO IS CONSIDERED AN ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER?

Entry-level 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

Which drivers are not subject to the ELDT requirements?

A CDL applicant with a valid commercial learner's permit (CLP) issued before February 7, 2022, is not subject to the ELDT requirements as long as the applicant obtains a CDL before his or her CLP or renewed CLP expires. This includes CLPs that are renewed after February 7, 2022.

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.