



Driver Central Programs



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The Safe Operation of Commercial Motor Vehicles is Critical

Safety is a **key** component in **all aspects** of the transportation industry.

- A total of 3,950 people died in large truck crashes in 2020.
- A total of 129,000 people were injured in large truck crashes in 2020.
- 15% of these deaths were the drivers of the truck.
- 2% of these deaths were the passengers of the truck.
- 70% were drivers and passengers of cars and other passenger vehicles.
- 13% were pedestrians, bicyclists or motorcyclists.

Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)

- Published in 2016 and enforced beginning February 7, 2022.
- Set a Federal standard of mandatory training of entry-level drivers.
 - Established a minimum training requirement for entry-level drivers.
 - Iowa follows the standards established by FMCSA.
- Established the Training Provider Registry.



ELDT Improves Safety on Our Roads

- Ensures that only qualified drivers receive a new CDL, a CDL upgrade, or S (School Bus), P (Passenger), or H (Hazmat) endorsement.
- Sets a national baseline for entry-level driver training.
- Identifies standards that training providers must meet.
- Further ensures that drivers operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) safely and meet their operational responsibilities.



Who Needs to Take Entry-Level Driver Training



What is the Training Provider Registry

- The Training Provider Registry assists commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants in connecting with training providers in their area to complete required entry-level driver training.
- Training providers must self-certify that they meet the requirements established in the Entry-Level Driver Training regulations in order to be listed as a provider.
- Only training providers listed on the Training Provider Registry can certify that a driver has successfully completed the required entry-level driver training.



Who Accesses the Information from the Training Provider Registry?



Drivers

Drivers **SEARCH** for a training provider using the list on the Training Provider Registry website.



Training Providers

Registered training providers* **SUBMIT** driver training certification information to FMCSA after drivers successfully complete training.



States

States **VERIFY** a driver's completion of required training using data made available by the Training Provider Registry before administering relevant tests.



Becoming an ELDT Training Provider

Many companies are becoming their own ELDT Training Providers.

As of 05/04/2023 -

Nationwide:

- 34,849 Total training providers
- 8,568 Training Providers open to the public

Iowa

- 577 Total Training Providers
- 87 Training Providers open to the public
- 46 Training Provider open to the public AND offering the School Bus training.

Becoming an ELDT Training Provider



CURRICULA

Both theory and behind-the wheel (BTW) instruction must cover all topics outlined in 49 CFR [part 380 appendices A through E](#), as applicable.



FACILITIES

Classroom and range facilities must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local requirements.



INSTRUCTORS

Theory and BTW instructors must meet the definitions in [§ 380.605](#).



STATE LICENSING

Training providers must comply with applicable laws and regulations of any State where they conduct in-person training.



VEHICLES

Must comply with applicable Federal and State safety requirements and be in the same group and type that driver-trainees intend to operate for their CDL skills test.



Becoming an ELDT Training Provider

Providers must register with FMCSA and self-certify they meet applicable Federal and State training requirements.

Registering your company and location(s) is necessary to not only appear in the Training Provider Registry, but also to submit driver training certification information as required by the ELDT regulations.



Instructor Requirements

Theory instructors must:

- Hold a CDL of the same (or higher) class, & with all endorsements necessary, to operate the CMV for which training is to be provided.
- Meet all applicable State qualification requirements for CMV instructors.
(*Exception:* This is not required if providing theory instruction exclusively.) (Iowa has no set requirements)
- Meet one of these:
 - Have a minimum of two years' experience operating a CMV requiring a CDL of the same (or higher) class, or the same endorsement; or
 - Have previously held a CDL of the same (or higher) class; or
 - Have a minimum of two years' experience as a BTW CMV instructor.



Instructor Requirements

Behind-the-Wheel (BTW) instructors must:

- Hold a CDL of the same (or higher) class, and with all endorsements necessary, to operate the CMV for which training is to be provided.
- Meet all applicable State qualification requirements for CMV instructors. (Iowa has no set requirements)
- Meet one of these:
 - Have a minimum of two years' experience operating a CMV requiring a CDL of the same (or higher) class, or the same endorsement; or
 - Have a minimum of two years' experience as a BTW CMV instructor.



Curriculum Requirements

There is **no minimum number of hours** that driver-trainees must spend on the theory (i.e., knowledge) portions of any of the individual curricula.

The regulations prescribe specific topics for each of the **five** theory curricula.

- Require training provider to cover all topics.
- Require driver-trainees demonstrate their understanding of the material by achieving an overall **minimum score of 80 percent** on the written (or electronic) theory assessment.



Curriculum Requirements

The entry-level driver training (ELDT) regulations **do not require a minimum number of hours** for the completion of BTW training (e.g., Class A, Class B and the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements).

The proficient completion of the BTW portions of the various curricula is based solely on the training instructor's assessment of each driver trainee's individual performance of the required elements of BTW training **on the range and public road**. *(No simulation allowed in the BTW training.)*

All BTW training must be conducted in a representative vehicle for the commercial driver's license (CDL) class or endorsement being sought.



Curriculum Requirements

https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/content/Resources/ELDT-Curriculum-Summary_508.pdf



Thank You!

Through collaborative efforts and partnerships, we can ensure that not only Iowa's roadways are safer, but we can ensure our entire nation's roadways are safer!





QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION



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