

Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)

Q. Who needs ELDT?

A. See below and here:

<https://transportation.wv.gov/DMV/DMVFormSearch/ELDT-Applicability-Flowchart.pdf>

You will be considered a first-time applicant if you never held a valid CDL or specific endorsements prior to 2-7-2022. First-time applicants fall under FMCSA Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) requirements to obtain a CDL or endorsement requiring ELDT.

ELDT is required for:

- Obtain a Class A or Class B CDL for the first time;
- Upgrade an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL; or
- Obtain a school bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous materials (H) endorsement for the first time

CDL applicant process who needs ELDT:

- Apply for the CDL test card you are seeking a license for and any endorsements (if applicable). Once you pass the knowledge test you will be issued a Commercial Learner Permit (CLP) for the license type and endorsement you passed a knowledge test for (if applicable).
- After you obtain the CLP, you can complete the prerequisite ELDT course you are seeking a license for. Once your ELDT is completed through an authorized provider listed in the FMCSA Training Provider Registry (TPR) you are ready for skills testing.
- You can access the FMCSA TPR here: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/> to research and select the ELDT provider of your choice.
- Please note some ELDT providers do not intend to make their services available to all driver-trainee applicants. They can elect not to include their contact information in the public listing that appears on the Training Provider Registry website. The training provider can select this option during registration and may update this preference at any time. Training providers who select this option will be listed on the Training Provider Registry website simply by name, city, and state.

- This training must be completed before you can schedule a skills test through a 3rd party examiner. 3rd party examiners will only schedule skills tests for the ELDT training successfully completed and verified in the CSTIMS database. Your Training Provider will update your training in this database as it is completed.
- Applicants must hold a CDL instruction permit (CLP) for a minimum of 14 days before they are eligible to take the CDL Road Skills Test.

-Special Note-

If you are applying for a hazardous materials (H) Endorsement you must pass a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) security threat assessment process as part of the application process. You must ALSO complete the hazardous materials ELDT training BEFORE you can apply for and receive a test card to take the hazardous materials knowledge test. There is NO skills test for the hazardous materials endorsement.

For additional information contact

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