



Entry-Level Driver Training

TRAINING PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

As of February 7, 2022, compliance with all aspects of the entry-level driver training rule is required. The entry-level driver training rule establishes minimum training standards for drivers, and it also **sets new standards for training providers.**

THE TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY (TPR)

In order to provide entry-level driver training, a training provider must be listed on FMCSA's Training Provider Registry (TPR). To be eligible for listing on the TPR, the training provider must:

- Follow the curriculum that meets the criteria listed in Part 380, Appendices A through E;
- Use classroom and range facilities that comply with all federal, state and/or local statutes and regulations;
- Use vehicles in behind-the-wheel training that comply with all federal, state, and/or local statutes and regulations;
- Use theory instructors who meet the definition in §380.605;
- Use behind-the-wheel instructors who meet the definition in §380.605; and
- Be licensed, certified, registered, or authorized to provide training in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of any state where in-person training is conducted.

Facilities and equipment must comply with all applicable federal, state, and/or local statutes and regulations.

Training providers will need to complete an electronic application on FMCSA's website in order to be listed on the TPR. FMCSA will not accept any other form of application.

The TPR application may be accessed at: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/>.



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INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

Theory and behind-the-wheel instructors must hold an appropriate class of CDL (including appropriate endorsement(s)) and have either:

- A minimum of two years of experience driving a commercial motor vehicle requiring the CDL (including appropriate endorsement(s)); or
- A minimum of two years of experience as a behind-the-wheel commercial motor vehicle instructor.

These individuals must also meet all applicable state qualification requirements for commercial motor vehicle instructors.

There are exceptions to these requirements for theory and behind-the-wheel range instructors who previously possessed a CDL, but no longer possess a CDL. There are also prohibitions for theory and behind-the-wheel instructors who have had their CDL canceled, suspended, or revoked per the disqualification provisions in §383.51.



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CERTIFICATION/RECORDKEEPING

After an individual completes training administered by a provider listed on the TPR, that provider must, by midnight of the second business day after the driver-trainee completes the training, electronically transmit training certification information through the TPR website.

All training providers on the TPR must retain the following records:

- Self-certifications by all accepted applicants for behind-the-wheel training, attesting that they will comply with the regulations in Parts 40, 382, 383, and 391, as well as state and/or local laws related to alcohol and controlled substances testing, age, medical certification, licensing, and driver records;
- A copy of the driver-trainee's commercial learner's permit (CLP) or CDL, as applicable;
- Instructor qualification documentation indicating driving and/or training experience, as applicable, for each instructor, and copies of CDLs and applicable endorsements held by behind-the-wheel instructors or theory instructors, as applicable;
- The Training Provider Registration form, submitted to the TPR;
- The lesson plans for theory and behind-the-wheel (range and public road) training curricula, as applicable; and
- Records of individual entry-level driver training assessments.



Training providers listed on the TPR must keep training-related records for at least three years from the date each required record is generated or received. If a record, such as a behind-the-wheel instructor's CDL, has expired or has been canceled, the most recent, valid CDL should be kept.

Note that if local, state, or federal requirements prescribe longer retention periods for any category of records described, the records should be kept under those guidelines.

Additional information addressing the entry-level driver training rule is available via FMCSA's website.

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HOW WE CAN HELP

New Entry-Level Driver Training Rule Now In Effect

J. J. Keller Makes Compliance Easy!

We have everything you need to comply with the new entry-level driver training (ELDT) rule that went into effect on February 7, 2022.

Our services include:

- **Trainer Certification Program** certifies your trainers to train entry-level drivers according to the new rule. An expert J. J. Keller instructor will educate your trainers on how to effectively deliver both the theory and behind-the-wheel entry-level driver training using J. J. Keller curriculum. Plus, we'll provide full support to ensure your company is registered on the Training Provider Registry (TPR).
- **ELDT Program Assessment** reviews your entry-level driver training program to verify that it meets or exceeds the FMCSA's ELDT final rule. This includes an assessment of your facilities, vehicles, trainers, certifications, documentation and recordkeeping, training curriculum and more. We'll also assist you with getting registered on the TPR.
- **ELDT Curriculum** that provides you with our best-in-class ELDT program covering the required theory and behind-the-wheel training. It consists of 200 hours of regulatory-compliant training materials, including driver and trainer textbooks, online courses, and instruction for conducting range and road exercises.



Get your entry-level drivers on the road to a safer career with help from J. J. Keller!

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