

## Entry Level Driver's Training (ELDT)

Starting on 07 Feb 2022, the [Training Provider Registry](#) will improve highway safety by ensuring that entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) complete training as required by the new Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations.

Current CDL trainers will need to register at the [Training Provider Registry - Trainer Registration site](#) and cover the required curriculum ([Part 380, appendices A through E](#)). The trainer will submit training information to the national web application (expected to be the same trainer provider registry) and the state examiner at NDDOT will review and confirm the training requirement was met prior to the road test being conducted by the state examiner.

Who needs ELDT?

- Drivers who are obtaining a CDL Class A or B **for the first time**
- Drivers who are upgrading an existing CDL Class B to a Class A
- Drivers who are obtaining a School Bus (S), passenger (P), or hazardous material (H) endorsement **for the first time**

What are the requirements to be CDL Trainer?

The following requirements are established in [49 CFR 380.605](#)

**Theory** instructors must:

1. 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.
2. Meet all applicable State qualification requirements for CMV instructors. (*Exception: This is not required if providing theory instruction exclusively.*)
3. Meet one of these:
  - a. Have a minimum of two years' experience operating a CMV requiring a CDL of the same (or higher) class, or the same endorsement; or
  - b. Have previously held a CDL of the same (or higher) class; or
  - c. Have a minimum of two years' experience as a BTW CMV instructor.

**Behind-the-Wheel (BTW)** instructors must:

1. 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.
2. Meet all applicable State qualification requirements for CMV instructors.
3. Meet one of these:
  - a. Have a minimum of two years' experience operating a CMV requiring a CDL of the same (or higher) class, or the same endorsement; or
  - b. Have a minimum of two years' experience as a BTW CMV instructor.

What do drivers' employer need to do?

Ensure staff are properly licensed to operate the intended vehicle(s)

Workflow

- Anyone wanting to be a CDL trainer needs to meet the training requirements, register with the Training Provider Registry, and cover the curriculum.
- Anyone wanting to obtain a CDL Class A or B or School Bus (S) endorsement **for the first time** or upgrade a CDL Class B to a Class A needs to be trained by a registered trainer
- The Registered Trainer will upload the training information to the Training Provider Registry.
- The NDDOT examiner will review and confirm the training requirements are met prior to performing the road test.