

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING (ELDT) FAQ

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What training materials do people training for a Class C CDL and passenger endorsement need to use?

All materials marked “Passenger Endorsement” or “Passenger Endorsement Only.” There is no FMCSA ELDT requirement for Class C CDLs. If your driver is receiving a Class C CDL and a passenger endorsement, they only need to complete the curriculum and tests for passenger endorsement.

Who can certify that a driver has completed ELDT training (theory, behind-the-wheel, or both) in the TPR?

You’ll want to designate someone at your agency to set you up as a training provider in the TPR. This can be anyone: the transit director, trainer, or someone else you designate. The instructors can provide a list of drivers who have completed ELDT training to the person designated on your team to certify the drivers in the TPR. The ELDT trainers do not have to be the people assigned to certify the drivers in the TPR.

Can an administrative support person certify that drivers have completed ELDT training in the TPR?

Yes, as long as the administrative support person has received a correct list of drivers from the ELDT trainer(s).

Does the person certifying that drivers have completed ELDT need to have their TPR identification number in order to certify drivers in the TPR?

No, you should not need to enter this number. What RTAP knows right now is that this number is attached to your TPR account and not something you actually have to type out when you certify a driver. If this changes, we will update this document.

Will the person certifying that drivers have completed ELDT need to enter the driver’s Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) number when they certify that the ELDT theory training is complete in the TPR?

Yes. This is how the state licensing agency will know that ELDT has been completed for that driver. You will not be able to certify your drivers for either theory or behind-the-wheel ELDT unless you have their CLP number.

Do ELDT records need to be kept for 3 years after the training is complete or 3 years after the driver has left the agency?

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Could the passenger endorsement and Class B tests be combined for someone taking both?

No. If your driver is receiving a Class B CDL with a Passenger Endorsement, for example, they have to receive an 80% or higher score on the Class B test and an 80% or higher score on the Passenger Endorsement test.

Can you schedule a driver's road test before they complete ELDT?

Yes. Once your driver successfully completes ELDT and you certify this on the TPR, it is added to your driver's driving record. The road test examiner will not be able to administer a test until ELDT has been added to the driver's record.

How long does it take for ELDT to be entered on a driver's record after the driver is certified in the TPR?

This will occur nightly, or within 24 hours.

Should transit agencies assisting other transit agencies with training via inter-agency training be listed as private in the TPR?

Yes. Agencies training their own drivers or other agencies' drivers should list themselves as private (instead of public) in the TPR when they register.

Can an agency provide ELDT theory training to a driver before the driver obtains their CLP?

You can, but you must administer the theory test and certify that the driver has completed the ELDT theory training in the TPR **after** they have taken and passed their permit test.

Do trainers need to submit a route plan if they do behind-the-wheel training on a public road?

No

What records do I need to keep of behind-the-wheel training?

You will be asked during an audit to present documentation of what training took place behind-the-wheel and when. RTAP recommends that you print a new behind-the-wheel checklist for each driver trained and make sure to put their name and the training date in the fields at the top of the checklist. The checklists can be found at <https://www.mnrtap.us/eldt-training/>