

MEMORANDUM

TO: CDL stakeholders

FROM: ADOT MVD Third Party Administration Commercial Driver Licensing Unit

DATE: October 18, 2021

RE: **Entry-Level Driver Training requirements**

Beginning Feb. 7, 2022, the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#) (FMCSA) will require new CDL applicants and those seeking to upgrade their CDL to receive training from a certified organization on the national registry of [Entry-Level Driver Training \(ELDT\) providers](#). ELDT training includes curriculum in three areas: theory, range and road. To process and issue a CDL, the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division will need to validate that an applicant has completed this training.

This requirement impacts drivers attempting to:

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

ADOT MVD will not be adding any requirements above and beyond what FMCSA is requiring. The ELDT regulations are not retroactive and do not apply to individuals holding a valid CDL or an S, P, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022.

FMCSA has not yet released its list of training providers. When it's available, ADOT MVD will provide a link to it at azdot.gov/CDL.

If your organization or business currently trains its drivers and is interested in becoming a certified training provider on the national registry, visit tpr.fmcas.dot.gov to learn how to register as a provider.

For more information, visit azdot.gov/CDL or contact the ADOT MVD Third Party Administration Commercial Driver Licensing Unit at cdle2@azdot.gov.

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