

FMCSA Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT)

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Obtain CLP (Commercial Learners Permit)





https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/driver-license/how-do-i-applycommercial-driver-license

You must schedule an appointment with DPS

https://public.txdpsscheduler.com/



Documentation Needed to Apply



- U.S. Citizenship or, if you are not a U.S. Citizen, evidence of lawful presence.
- Texas Residency.
- Identity.
- Social Security Number (a CLP or a CDL cannot be issued if you do not have a Social Security Number).
- Self-Certification of Medical Status (you must certify to only one of the following forms: CDL-4, CDL-5, or CDL-10).
 - Medical Examiners Certificate (depending upon the type of self-certification of medical status you selected.



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EXTENSION SERVICE

- Evidence of Texas Vehicle Registration* for each vehicle you own. Registration must be current. Visit Texas DMV vehicle registration for more information. (New Residents who are surrendering an out-of-state driver license only).
- Proof of Insurance* for each vehicle you own.
 - *If you do not own a vehicle, you will sign a statement affirming this.



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Written Test at DPS



- Texas Commercial Rules
- General Knowledge
- Combination (Class A Only)
- Air Brake (If Applicable)



Commercial Learners Permit





- Good for six months
- Can re-new for an additional six months
 - If it is renewed before it expires
- Once you have obtained a permit you must take ELDT



What is ELDT?





A Federal standard for mandatory training of entrylevel driver:

- Sets the minimum requirements entry-level driver training providers must meet.
- Entry-level driver means an individual who must complete the CDL skills test requirements under §383.71 of this subchapter prior to receiving a CDL for the first time, upgrading to a Class A or Class B CDL, or obtaining a hazardous materials, passenger, or school bus endorsement for the first time.



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Who does ELDT apply to?





Anyone applying for:

- Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time
- Upgrading of an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL
- Adding endorsements
 - Hazardous Material(H)
 - Passenger(P)
 - School Bus(S)



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Who is exempt from ELDT?



- Anyone who obtained a CDL Class A or B before February 7th 2022
- Anyone who obtained a Commercial Learners Permit (CLP) before February 7th



What can Entry Level Drivers (ELD) expect?



 On and after February 7th 2022 the entry level driver must complete the Theory Training, and Behind-The –Wheel Training before taking the skills test.



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Theory Training





- Lectures, demonstrations, computer based, online training, etc.
- Must pass the assessment with minimum score of 80%.

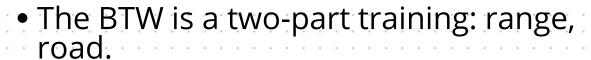
Some of the topics:

- Basic Operation
- Safe Operating Procedures
- Vehicle System and Reporting Malfunctions
- Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)





Behind-The-Wheel(BTW) Training



- Range BTW:
 - Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers
- Road BTW:
- Actual operation of Commercial Motor Vehicle on Texas Roads



State Skills Test



- Must pass the three skills test:
 - Vehicle Inspection
 - Basic Controls (Backing)
 - Road Test



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