



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-apply-commercial-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).



Documentation Needed to Apply - Continue

- 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.



Written Test at DPS



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



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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



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What is ELDT?



A Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level 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.



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 2022



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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.



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)

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Behind-The-Wheel(BTW) Training

- The BTW is a two-part training: range, road.
- 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



For more information



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