

# Entry Level Driver Training



The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) becomes effective on February 7, 2022. As it applies to educational entities, this new regulation sets the baseline for training requirements for individuals applying for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) for the first time, upgrading an existing license, or adding a school bus (S), and/or passenger (P) endorsement. The requirements do not apply to individuals holding a valid CLP, CDL, or a P, S, or H endorsement issued prior to February 7, 2022.

For new Bus Drivers to comply with this regulation, there are approximately 30 topics that new Class B drivers will be required to complete, in addition to several passenger endorsement and school bus endorsement topics. In addition, at least 12 hours of behind the wheel instruction will be required.

Although this may seem like a daunting task, Kansas Association of School Boards and our Insurance and Consulting entity KBS, Inc. is here to help. We have developed an online training program that will ensure you are:

- compliant with the classroom portion of the training
- able to document and submit this information through the Training Provider Registry (TPR)

This should greatly reduce the additional burden placed on the educational entities to ensure compliance with the ELDT regulation.

What does it cost:

- No cost provided as a value-added program if you are a member of our Workers Compensation Fund, otherwise
- \$200 per driver (one time all-inclusive fee) or
- \$125 for P / S endorsement only



For additional information, contact the KASB Insurance and Consulting company, KBS, Inc. at 785-273-3600 or email [info@thekbsway.com](mailto:info@thekbsway.com).

## **The program includes the following materials:**

\*Access to all 56 courses necessary to train new School Bus Drivers, including Class B requirements, school bus endorsement, and passenger endorsement. These courses are web-based, self-paced courses that provide the knowledge necessary to drive a school bus safely and effectively. The system tracks the completion of requirements.

\*Support materials for driver trainers to conduct behind the wheel training, including instruction on essential driving skills, exercises, and documentation.

\*Assistance in setting up the entity in the Training Provider Registry. This should allow you to conduct the training, certify new drivers, and submit completion information to the FMCSA, which will then allow access to the local Department of Motor Vehicles. This should enable your driver to obtain their CDL as soon as training is completed, and they have passed their driving skills test.

\*Ongoing support to the entity in administration of the entry level driver training program.

### **The Process:**

- 1) Hire your driver
- 2) Have them obtain their commercial learners permit (CLP)
- 3) Complete ELDT theory-based certification
- 4) Complete behind the wheel training
- 5) Input driver certification in Training Provider Registry
- 6) Take driving skills test at DMV

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