

ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DRIVERS AND INSTRUCTORS

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WHAT IS IT?

The entry-level driver training rule establishes minimum training standards for drivers:

- Applying for their initial CDL,
- Upgrading their current CDL, or
- Obtaining a passenger, school bus, or hazardous materials endorsement for the first time.

WHO NEEDS TO COMPLY?

As of February 7, 2022, prior to taking the skills test for a Class A or Class B CDL or for a passenger or school bus endorsement, an entry-level driver must successfully complete a prescribed program of theory and behind-the-wheel instruction provided by a school or other entity listed on FMCSA's Training Provider Registry (TPR). For a hazardous materials endorsement, successful completion of a prescribed program of theory instruction, provided by a school or other entity listed on the TPR, must be completed prior to taking the knowledge test.

WHAT ARE THE THEORY INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS?

The rule requires instruction in 30 specific topics under five areas of instruction for a Class A CDL (29 topics under five areas for a Class B CDL):

1. Basic Operation
2. Safe Operating Procedures
3. Advanced Operating Practices
4. Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions
5. Non-Driving Activities

An assessment must be used to determine the driver-trainee's proficiency for each unit of instruction. Driver-trainees must achieve an overall minimum score of 80% on the theory assessment.

WHAT ARE THE BEHIND-THE-WHEEL INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS?

Behind-the-wheel training includes range and public road instruction covering nearly two dozen topics. The required topics include vehicle controls, speed and space management, backing, and parking.

The training must be completed in a vehicle of the same group or type that the driver-trainee intends to use for the CDL or endorsement skills test.

The instructor must assess each driver-trainee's performance of the required elements of behind-the-wheel training to determine proficiency.

HOW CAN J. J. KELLER HELP?

Our unparalleled range of products can help you provide entry-level driver training that meets or exceeds FMCSA's requirements. Our solutions are backed by our team of in-house safety and compliance experts, so you always get the most accurate, dependable solutions.

THEORY INSTRUCTION TOPICS

The 30 topics that must be covered in the Theory Instruction are:

- Orientation
- Control Systems/Dashboard
- Pre- and Post-Trip Inspections
- Basic Control
- Shifting/Operating Transmissions
- Backing and Docking
- Coupling and Uncoupling (Class A only)
- Visual Search
- Communication
- Distracted Driving
- Speed Management
- Space Management
- Night Operation
- Extreme Driving Conditions
- Hazard Perception
- Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing, and Other Emergencies
- Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings
- Identification and Diagnosis of Malfunctions
- Roadside Inspections
- Maintenance
- Handling and Documenting Cargo
- Environmental Compliance Issues
- Hours of Service Requirements
- Fatigue and Wellness Awareness
- Post-Crash Procedures
- External Communications
- Whistleblower/Coercion
- Trip Planning
- Drugs/Alcohol
- Medical Requirements

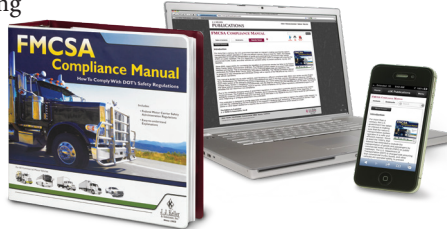
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UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS

LEARN HOW TO COMPLY with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations — including the new Entry-Level Driver Training Rule — with the **FMCSA Compliance Manual**. You'll get the print and online editions, plus 1-year update service.



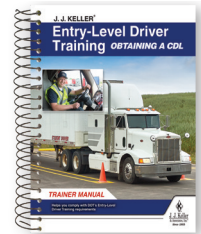
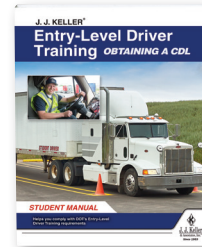
GET HOW-TO-COMPLY GUIDANCE for the Entry-Level Driver Training Rule with **FleetMentor®** online fleet management tool. Plus, get information and tools for CSA, driver qualification, training, audits, accident tracking, expense reduction, policy development, and much more.



COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS

HELP MEET ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS mandatory as of February 7, 2022 with the **J. J. Keller® Entry-Level Driver Training: Obtaining A CDL Student Manual**.

MAKE THE MOST OF EACH CLASS with the **J. J. Keller® Entry-Level Driver Training: Obtaining A CDL Trainer Manual**. Use it to help ensure your students understand the fundamentals of safe, professional driving.

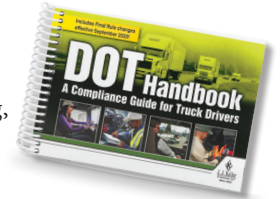


STRENGTHEN YOUR PROGRAM

ENHANCE YOUR ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING with our online curriculum as part of a comprehensive program. Courses correspond to the 35 chapters in the **Student Manual** (above).



GIVE NEW DRIVERS easy-to-understand, concise information on DOT compliance and general orientation topics with the **DOT Handbook: A Compliance Guide For Truck Drivers**. Covers topics such as driver qualification, hours of service, trip planning, accident procedures, and cargo securement.



RELY ON OUR EXPERTS

TRAIN YOUR TRAINERS TO DELIVER ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING with **J. J. Keller's Certified Driver Training Program**. We'll educate your trainers on how to deliver the theory and behind-the-wheel instruction, and ensure your company is registered on the TPR.



VERIFY YOUR COMPANY MEETS THE ELDT REQUIREMENTS with a **J. J. Keller ELDT Training Program Assessment**. We'll review your facilities, vehicles, trainers, certifications, documentation, recordkeeping and curriculum to ensure your company is in compliance.



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