

# **ACE Services:** ***Entry Level Driver*** ***Training***

Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA)  
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# What is the ELDT?



- **Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) Regulation set by FMCSA**
  - February 7, 2022
  - Applies to CDL Class A/B and HAZMAT Endorsements (HME)
- **New Requirements**
  - Theory/Classroom training
  - Online Assessment
  - BTW Training for CDL
- **All ELDT trainings must be provided by a Registered Training Provider**



# Administrative Compliance Experts (ACE) Services



- **Created in response to the ELDT Regulation by National Propane Gas Association**
  - Over 3,000 users since February 2022
- **A Registered Training Provider Through FMCSA**
- **Offers the ELDT Training for CDL Class A/B and HMEs**
  - Online modules and assessment
  - BTW Training Forms & Checklists
- **Handles all submissions reviews, recordkeeping, and potential audits by FMCSA with **Deluxe Services**.**





# ACE – ELDT Offerings

- **CDL Class A/B**
  1. Online Course (Theory)
    - 32 modules
  2. Online Assessment
    - 80% passing score
  3. BTW Training forms & Checklists
  
- **HAZMAT Endorsement (HME)**
  1. Online Course (Theory)
    - 9 modules
  2. Online Assessment
    - 80% passing score
  3. Do noes require BTW training





# BTW Training for CDLs

## • Requirements

- Instructor not provided by ACE
- BTW Training can be done in-house
- Instructor must have:
  - Hold their CDL for at least 2 years
  - Instruct at the same CDL class level, unless instructor holds Class A. As Class A can instruct for A \* B
- Submission of completed forms & checklists
- No minimum hours dictated by FMCSA, although some states like CA may have minimum

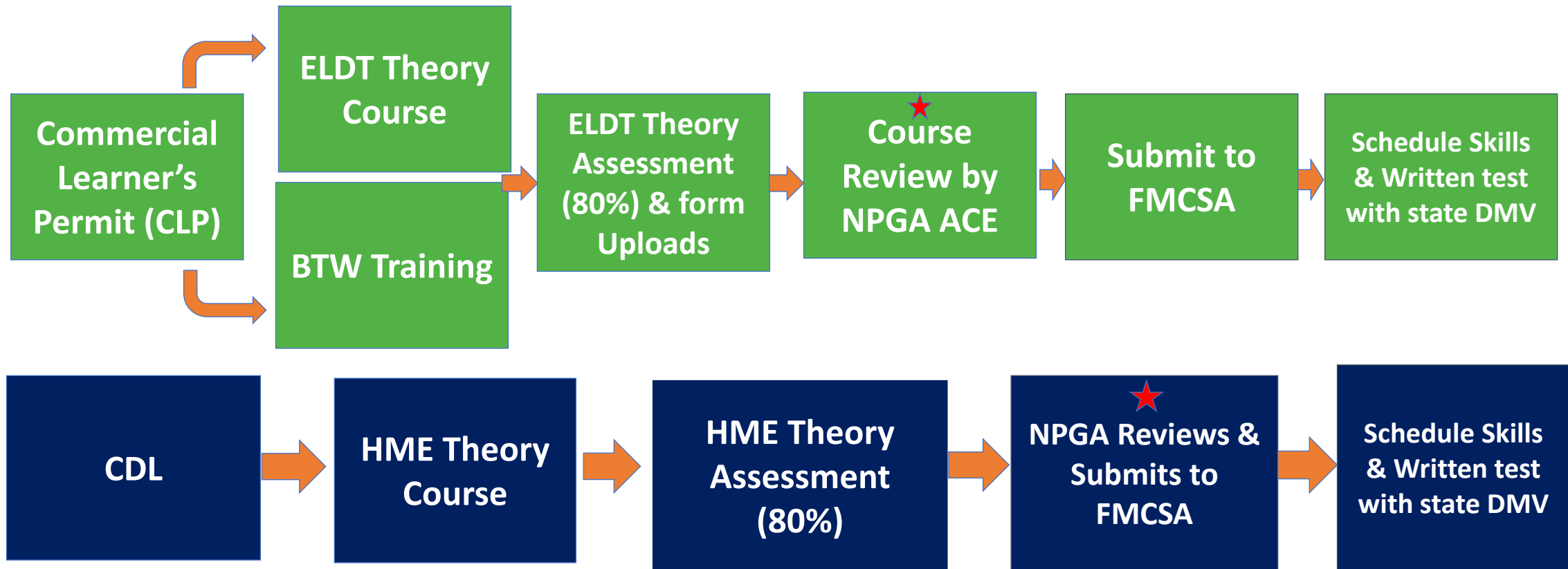
## • Areas of BTW Training to Cover

- Public Road Instruction
- Range Instruction
- Facilities Qualification
- Equipment Qualification





# CDL Class A/B & HME Process



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### COURSE CONTENT



#### Resources

[Driver Applicant Qualification Form](#)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Introduction</b> You must complete 1 of the following course(s).			1 of 1 Course(s)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Entry Level Driver Training: Introduction and Program Overview	Module	23m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Modules</b> You must complete 9 of the following course(s).			9 of 9 Course(s)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basic HazMat Introduction	Module	29m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basic HazMat Transportation	Module	16m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HazMat Loading and Unloading	Module	17m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bulk HazMat Packages	Module	35m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Equipment and Response	Module	17m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HazMat on Passenger Vehicles	Module	8m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HazMat Safety Permits	Module	13m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Route Planning	Module	10m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reporting HazMat Crashes and Releases	Module	17m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Assessment</b> You must complete 2 of the following course(s).			1 of 2 Course(s)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HazMat Assessment	Module	32m	<a href="#">Complete,click to Re-enroll</a>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entry Level Driver Training: HME Documentation Upload	Module		<a href="#">Start</a>	



MENU NOTES

Introduction

Introduction ✓

Module Objective ✓

Topics ✓

Fatigue

Fatigue 🔒

What is Fatigue? 🔒

Two Types of Fatigue 🔒

Common Signs of Fatigue 🔒

Preventing Fatigue 🔒

Summary



## Topics

This module is organized around the following topics:

- Two Types of Fatigue
- Signs of Fatigue
- How to Prevent Fatigue



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MENU NOTES

- ▶ Introduction ✓
- ▶ Fatigue ✓
- ▼ Summary
  - Summary ✓
  - Wrap-up 🔒



Common signs of fatigue are: (Select all that apply).

- Non-stop yawning
- Having trouble focusing on the road
- Following too closely
- Forgetting how far you have driven
- Having difficulty keeping your eyes open

SUBMIT

Correct

All of these are signs that you could be fatigued and that you should pull over as soon as safely possible to rest.

CONTINUE





# ACE Services Packages

- Basic

- Access to:

- Theory Modules
- Online Assessment
- Generated Forms & Checklists for BTW
- ACE Staff Assistance throughout Process

- Deluxe ★

- Access to:

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- Generated Forms & Checklists for BTW
- ACE Staff Assistance

- And:

- ACE Services serves as Registered Training Provider
- Review of submissions
- Record keeping
- Subject to audit for the driver





# ACE Services Pricing for ARA Members

CDL Basic \$320	HME-Only Basic \$240	CDL Deluxe \$620 ★	HME-Only Deluxe \$275 ★
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**CDL + HME (Bundled)**  
Basic \$350    Deluxe \$740

- One time fee for 12-month access, re-instatement fee after
- When enrolling online, please select the option for **Non-member Partner**





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## Administrative Compliance Experts™: Steering Driver Training

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requires all new CDL- and HME-applicants to successfully complete theory and behind-the-wheel training before they can take a state's CDL or HME exams. The requirement is called Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT).

**NPGA's Administrative Compliance Experts™ – known as ACE, is designed to assist companies in navigating ELDT's red tape.**

Questions? Contact us at 202-466-7203 or [eldt@npga.org](mailto:eldt@npga.org)

**Can ACE help me?** Through ACE, the more than 30 steps required under the ELDT mandate can become 5 simple steps from start to finish.

### 5 Simple Steps

1. **Sign up online**
2. **Complete Online Knowledge Training**
3. **Complete Onsite Behind The Wheel Training**
4. **Submit to NPGA**
5. **Take CDL Test**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FEE STRUCTURE

TAKE A TEST DRIVE

JUMP TO COURSE PACKAGES

ACE NETWORK PARTNERS

[www.npga.org/ace](http://www.npga.org/ace)





# Key Takeaways

- **ACE Services allows companies to get drivers on the road in a timely and cost-efficient manner.**
- **ACE Services handles all compliance and administrative.**
- **Can complete modules online, making it easier to complete.**
- **Saves you money, up to \$3,000, by not needing to send driver-applicant to a driving school and doing it in-house.**





# More Information?

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