

Drivers and Carriers

What Do I Need to Know?

The ELD Rule applies to most motor carriers and drivers who are currently required to maintain records of duty status (RODS). The rule applies to commercial buses as well as trucks. Canada- and Mexico-domiciled drivers are included, unless they qualify for one of the exceptions to the ELD rule.

ELD Rule Exceptions

The following are not required to use ELDs (but carriers may choose to use ELDs even if they are not required):

- Drivers who use paper logs no more than 8 days during any 30-day period.
- Driveaway-towaway drivers (transporting an empty vehicle for sale, lease, or repair).
- Drivers of vehicles manufactured before model year 2000.

What Do I Need to Do?

Carriers must evaluate and select ELDs, and ensure they are installed and drivers and administrative staff are trained to use them by the deadline that applies (December 16, 2019 for carriers using AOBDRs or December 18, 2017) for those using paper logs or logging software.

The [Compliance Checklist for Carriers](#) includes additional information.

Drivers must understand and be able to use ELDs by the required deadline, including how to annotate and edit RODS, certify RODS, and collect required supporting documents. You will also need to know how to display and transfer data to safety officials when requested.

The [Compliance Checklist for Drivers](#) and the [Using ELDs](#) section provide more details.

ELD Benefits

- ELDs make it easier, simpler, and quicker to keep driver logs.
- ELDs limit mistakes and reduce form and manner errors.

- ELDs provide information to drivers and motor carriers so that drivers can better manage fatigue and schedule issues.
- ELDs correctly record location and accurate information to easily track duty status.
- ELDs are a good management tool and back office asset to improve productivity and enhance compliance.
- With ELDs, there is less paperwork, and driver logs are orderly, clear, and accurate.

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- See more at: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/drivers-and-carriers#sthash.rHx6lgo1.dpuf>