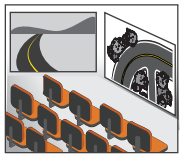
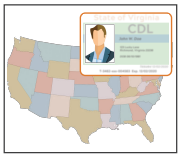
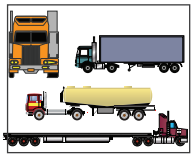
ENTRY-LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING FACT SHEET

FOR TRAINING PROVIDER COMPLIANCE

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA's) Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulation, 49 CFR Part §380 Subpart F & Subpart G, is effective on February 7, 2022. This regulation sets the minimum training standards for the entry-level Commercial Driver's

Becoming a Compliant Training Provider

As a provider of ELDT, each State must self-certify on the Training Provider Registry (TPR) that they meet the following requirements:

Curricula	Facilities	Instructors	State Licensing	Vehicles
				
Both theory and BTW instruction must cover all topics outlined in 49 CFR §380 Appendices A, B, C D, & E.	Classroom and range facilities must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and/or local statutes and regulations.	Theory and BTW instructors must meet the definition in §380.605.	Must comply with applicable laws and regulations of any State where in-person training is conducted.	Must comply with applicable Federal and State safety requirements and be in the same group and type that driver- trainees will test in for their CDL.

Clear Roads has developed theory and behind-the-wheel (BTW) training materials for State agencies to be compliant under the new ELDT regulation. These materials include PowerPoint presentations covering all required content, instructor-suggested narrations and notes, video demonstrations, instructor manuals, student exams, diagrams of BTW course setup, instructor checklists, and instructor logs to track student progress. Although the training materials are intended for in-person classroom instruction, the theory curriculum may be easily adapted for use in a virtual format and incorporated into a learning management system.

The Clear Roads ELDT program consists of theory training covering five main topics with 30 subtopics, 7 BTW range skills, and 12 BTW on-road skills. Although most of these subtopics/ skills are likely included in existing training, it may be possible that some are not. Each state should ensure that every subtopic is included. The Clear Roads ELDT program includes the most comprehensive and in-depth content needed to be compliant. As the ELDT program is editable, state agencies may choose to reduce the depth of content; however, each of the topics and subtopics must be included.

Clear Roads ELDT Program

Theory Curriculum

- 30 units
- Estimated instructional time: 70 hours

BTW Curriculum

- Skill Units: 19
- Estimated instruction time: 44 hours

Endorsements

- Hazardous materials
- Tanker

Train-the-Trainer Units: 2

Considerations for Equipment: truck, trailer, range course, TPR web interface

Key Considerations

To maintain compliance with the new ELDT regulation, additional steps may be needed. Each state should consider the following:

- Register each training location separately on the TPR (https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/).
- Consider a web service interface for the transfer of CDL applicant information (https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/DeveloperToolkit).
- Examine the need for additional trainers to implement the ELDT program.
- Determine if a learning management system is needed to track trainee progress.
- Ensure that training covers all required content.
- Ensure that the training program follows local and state regulations

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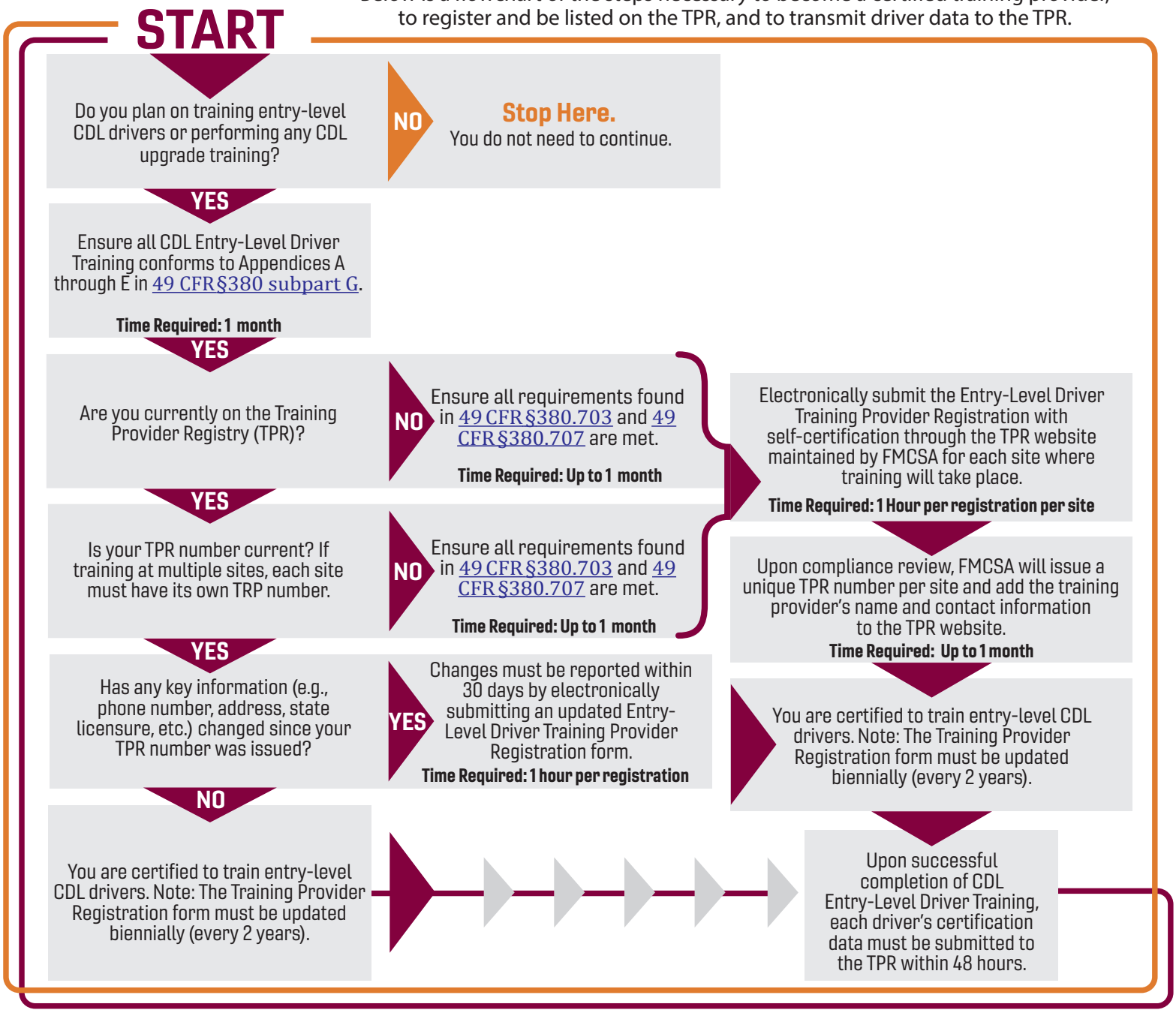
FlowChart to Ensure Compliance with FMCSA's ELDT Regulation

Below is a flowchart of the steps necessary to become a certified training provider, to register and be listed on the TPR, and to transmit driver data to the TPR.



ELDT Compliance Task	Time Required for Completion	Start by Date for Compliance by February 7, 2022
Review organizational structure needs	Up to 6 months	10/1/2021
Review IT infrastructure	Up to 4 months	10/1/2021
Review Appendices A, B, C, D, &, E in 49 CFR §380 Subpart G to ensure compliance	Up to 1 month	10/1/2021
Ensure ELDT conforms to all State and/or local statutes and regulations	Up to 1 month	10/1/2021
Train-the-trainer	Up to 1 month	11/1/2021
Ensure 49 CFR §380.711, and 49 CFR §380.713 are met	Up to 1 month	12/1/2021
Submission of ELDT provider registration and self-certification	1 hour per site	1/7/2022
ELDT compliance		2/7/2022
Any changes in training provider information	Within 1 month	N/A
Submission of driver data	Within 48 hours	N/A