Use of computer to create, sign, store RODS

**§395.8 Driver’s record of duty status.**

## Guidance Q&A

***Question 28:*** Question 28: May a driver use a computer, tablet, or smartphone (that is not an Automatic On-Board Recording Device) to create, electronically sign, and store the record of duty status (RODS)?

***Guidance:*** Yes. A driver may make manual duty-status entries to a computer, tablet, or smartphone program that is used to generate the graph grid and entries for the record of duty status (RODS) or log book, provided the electronically-generated display (if any) and output includes the minimum information required by §395.8 and is formatted in accordance with that section. The driver must sign the RODS (manually or electronically) at the end of each 24-hour period to certify that all required entries are true and correct.

(A) If electronic signatures are not used:

* The driver must print and manually sign the RODS daily.
* The driver must have in his or her possession the printed and signed RODS for the prior seven consecutive days (if required on those days).
* The driver should be given an opportunity to print and manually sign the current day's RODS at the time of the inspection.

(B) If RODS have been electronically signed:

* At the time of an inspection of records by an enforcement official, the driver may display the current and prior seven days RODS to the official on the device’s screen.
* If the enforcement official requests printed copies of the RODS, the driver must be given an opportunity to print the current and prior seven days RODS (if required on those days) at the time of inspection.