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***Question 23:*** Can driving simulators be used as a substitute for mandatory behind-the-wheel (BTW) training?

***Guidance:*** No. The entry-level driver training (ELDT) regulations do not permit BTW training to be conducted by using a driving simulation device, and a driver-trainee may not use a simulation device to demonstrate proficiency for any of the BTW curricula. However, simulators may be used in theory training.

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