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**Frequently Asked Questions -- Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service.**

**Question 3:** Who must comply with the electronic logging device (ELD) rule?

**Guidance:** The ELD rule applies to most motor carriers and drivers who are currently required to maintain records of duty status (RODS) per Part 395, 49 CFR 395.8(a). The rule applies to commercial buses as well as trucks, and to Canada- and Mexico-domiciled drivers.

The ELD rule allows limited exceptions to the ELD mandate, including:

* Drivers who operate under the short-haul exceptions may continue using timecards; they are not required to keep RODS and will not be required to use ELDs.
* Drivers who use paper RODS for not more than 8 days out of every 30-day period.
* Drivers who conduct drive-away-tow-away operations, in which the vehicle being driven is the commodity being delivered.
* Drivers of vehicles manufactured before 2000.

**Regulatory Topic: ELD Guidance**

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