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**Question:** What is the difference between an “edit” and an “annotation”?

**Guidance:** An edit is a change to an electronic logging device (ELD) record that does not overwrite the original record, while an annotation is a note related to a record, update, or edit that a driver or an authorized support personnel may input to the ELD. Section 49 CFR [395.30(c)(2)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-395#p-395.30(c)(2)) requires that all edits, whether made by a driver or the motor carrier, be annotated to document the reason for the change. For example, an edit showing time being switched from “Off-Duty” to “On-Duty Not Driving” could be annotated by the carrier to note, “Driver logged training time incorrectly as off-duty.” This edit and annotation would then be sent to the driver for approval in accordance with § [395.30](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-395#p-395.30(a)).

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