



## CHOOSING AN ELD

Motor carriers and drivers should choose only ELDs that are self-certified and registered on FMCSA's website. Manufacturers must self-certify that their ELDs meet technical standards in the ELD rule and they must register them with FMCSA. View the list of self-certified ELDs on FMCSA's website: [3pdp.fmcsa.dot.gov/ELD/ELDLList.aspx](http://3pdp.fmcsa.dot.gov/ELD/ELDLList.aspx).

## Why FMCSA Implemented the ELD Rule

The rule is intended to help create a safer work environment for drivers, and make it easier and faster to accurately track, manage, and share RODS data. As part of the MAP-21 Act, Congress required adoption of the ELD rule.



## Get More ELD Information

Visit [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/elds](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/elds) to:

- Access Frequently Asked Questions for in-depth information on the rule.
- Sign up for the ELD newsletter to receive email updates.
- Visit the Training and Events section for upcoming opportunities hosted by FMCSA.
- Learn about using ELDs in the Drivers and Carriers section.
- Find a list of self-certified and registered ELDs.

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## Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) Rule



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## About ELDs

The Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Rule applies to most motor carriers and drivers who are required to keep records of duty status (RODS). This includes commercial buses as well as trucks. It applies to drivers domiciled in Canada and Mexico, unless they qualify for an exception to the rule.

## ELD Rule Implementation

## Exceptions to the ELD Rule

- An ELD is technology that automatically records a driver's driving time and other hours-of-service (HOS) data. This allows easier, more accurate HOS recordkeeping. An ELD monitors a vehicle's engine to capture data on whether the engine is running, whether the vehicle is moving, miles driven, and duration of engine operation (engine hours). During the first phase of the ELD rule, law enforcement can review a driver's hours of service by viewing the ELD's display screen or from an ELD printout.

- All carriers and drivers subject to the ELD rule must use either an ELD or an AOBRD (automatic on-board recording devices compliant with existing regulations) by **December 18, 2017**.
- AOBRDs may be used until December 16, 2019, if the devices were put into use before December 18, 2017.
- Starting **December 16, 2019**, all carriers and drivers subject to the rule must use ELDs.
- ELDs must have the capability of either telematic data transfer or local transfer.

- Drivers who use paper logs no more than 8 days during any 30-day period.
- Driveaway-towaway operations (transporting an empty vehicle for sale, lease, or repair, if the vehicle is part of the shipment).
- Drivers of vehicles manufactured before model year 2000.

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**AWARENESS AND TRANSITION PHASE**

Voluntary use of ELDs

**12/18/2017**  
ELD Final Rule Compliance Date

**PHASE-IN COMPLIANCE PHASE**

Mandatory use of ELDs with existing AOBRDs grandfathered for 2 years

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Mandatory Use of ELDs

**FULL COMPLIANCE PHASE**