

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

12/16/2019

Mandatory Use of ELDs

FULL COMPLIANCE PHASE