

# BEHIND THE WHEEL

Before February 7, 2022



## WE CAN DO IT!

**BECOME A SMALL BUSINESS BEHIND THE WHEEL TRAINING PROVIDER!**

FILL LOG TRUCK JOB OPENINGS BE APART OF GETTING NEW DRIVERS INTO THE FORESTRY TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

Does your company meet all the requirements in the ELDT Final Rule? Electronically transmit an Entry-Level Driver Training Provider Registration Form through the TPR Web site maintained by FMCSA, which attests that the training provider meets all the applicable requirements of this section, to obtain a unique TPR number.



Log truck driver job openings

As of February 7, 2022, future drivers will need to complete 31 theory training courses and 30 hours of Behind the Wheel training prior to sitting for a CDL Exam.

States need small businesses willing to become Behind the Wheel Training Providers – to train new entry level drivers wanting to sit for their CDL Exam. Do you know a Forestry Transportation Business in your state that you would nominate to be a Behind the Wheel Training Provider?

Behind-the-Wheel Trainings will include:

**RANGE TRAINING**

- \* Vehicle Inspection Pre-Trip/EnRoute/Post-Trip
- \* Straight Line Backing
- \* Alley Dock Backing 45/90 Degree
- \* Off-Set Backing
- \* Parallel Parking Blind Side
- \* Parallel Parking Sight Side
- \* Coupling and Uncoupling
- \* Vehicle Controls

**PUBLIC ROAD TRAINING**

- \* Shifting/Transmission
- \* Communications/Signaling
- \* Visual Search
- \* Speed and Space Management
- \* Safe Driver Behavior
- \* Hours of Service
- \* Hazard Perception
- \* Railroad (RR) – Highway Grade Crossing
- \* Night Operation
- \* Extreme Driving Conditions
- \* Skid Control/Recovery, Jackknifing and Other Emergencies



## BEHIND THE WHEEL TRAINING INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

b) BTW training providers must utilize instructors who are a Behind The Wheel instructors as defined in § 380.605.

**§ 380.605 Definitions**

Behind-the-wheel (BTW) instructor means an individual who provides BTW training involving the actual operation of a CMV by an entry-level driver on a range or a public road and meets one of these qualifications:

(i) Holds a CDL of the same (or higher) class and has at least two years of experience driving a CMV requiring a CDL of the same or higher class and/or the same endorsement and meets all applicable State qualification requirements for CMV instructors; or

(ii) Holds a CDL of the same (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to operate the CMV for which

training is to be provided and has at least two years of experience as a BTW CMV instructor and meets all applicable State qualification requirements for CMV instructors.

Exception: A BTW instructor who provides training solely on a range which is not a public road is not required to hold a CDL of the same (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to operate the CMV for which training is to be provided, as long as, the instructor previously held a CDL of the same (or higher) class and with all endorsements necessary to operate the CMV for which training is to be provided, and complies with the other requirements set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of this definition.

(iii) If an instructor's CDL has been cancelled, suspended, or revoked due to any of the disqualifying offenses identified in § 383.51, the instructor is prohibited from engaging in BTW instruction for two years following the date his or her CDL is reinstated.

**§ 380.709 Facilities.**

The training provider's classroom and range facilities must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and/or local statutes and regulations.

**§ 380.717 Training certification.**

The provider must, by midnight of the second business day after the driver trainee completes the training, electronically transmit training certification to the TPR Web site

**Required Training Certificate Information:**

- (a) Driver-trainee name, number of driver's license/commercial learner's permit/commercial driver's license, as applicable, and State of licensure; (b) Commercial driver's license class and/or endorsement and type of training (theory and/or BTW) the driver-trainee completed; (c) Total number of clock hours the driver-trainee spent to complete BTW training, as applicable; (d) Name of the training provider and its unique TPR identification number; and (e) Date(s) of successful training completion.

**§ 380.711 Equipment.**

- (a) All vehicles used in the behind the wheel training must comply with applicable Federal and State safety requirements.
- (b) Training vehicles must be in the same group and type that driver-trainees intend to operate for their CDL skills test.

**§ 380.715 Assessments.**

- (b) Training instructors must evaluate and document a driver-trainee's proficiency in BTW skills in accordance with the curricula in appendices A through D of part 380, as applicable.

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