

Resources and FAQs from CDL Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Requirement Discussions

UNH T2 has gathered this information and resources over time to assist municipalities in understanding and addressing the ELDT ruling. As rules, resources, and other regulations may change, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this and suggest using this information as a starting point.

- [ELDT training curriculum and implementation resources](#) from Clear Roads provided to its membership - and the public - free of charge. *Local agencies interested in accessing the training materials do not need to be a member of Clear Roads, and should complete the [request form](#) to be granted access to download the materials.*
- **Contact from FMCSA NH - [Tim White](#)**
- **Recording from a ELDT Intro Session** Tim White presented for UNH T2 and NH public works guests on December 1, 2021 reviewing ELDT requirements, resources, and information

Links shared by FMCSA and others re: federal regulations covering exemptions as well as Part Saf-C 1801.02 and RSA 259:12-e language below, which identify's who the State of New Hampshire has exempted from needing a CDL.

- [FMCSA ELDT website](#)
- [FMCSA Training Provider Registry](#)
- [Link to Federal Exemptions 383.3](#)
- [Link to Training Provider Registry](#)

[Part Saf-C 1801.02 Exemption From the Commercial Driver License Requirements](#)

(a) Notwithstanding any other rule to the contrary, the requirements for a person to possess a commercial driver license shall not apply to the following:

(1) Fire service personnel driving emergency vehicles assigned or registered to a department or fire service organization in pursuit of fire service purposes;

(2) Persons who drive recreational vehicles, as defined in RSA 259:84-a;

(3) Non-civilian military personnel driving military vehicles in pursuit of military purposes; and

(4) Persons driving vehicles used exclusively for agriculture and farming, provided the vehicle is driven within a 150 mile radius from the main entrance of the farm.

Source. #4901, eff 8-3-90; ss by #6298, INTERIM, eff 8-3-96, EXPIRES: 12-1-96; ss by #6338, eff 9-25-96; ss by #8182, INTERIM, eff 9-25-04, EXPIRED: 3-24-05

New. #8405, eff 8-2-05; ss by #10523, eff 2-18-14

259:12-e Commercial Motor Vehicle. –

I. "Commercial motor vehicle" shall mean a motor vehicle or a combination of motor vehicles, used in commerce, to transport passengers or property if:

(a) The vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more;

(b) The vehicle has a gross combination weight rating or actual weight of 26,001 or more pounds,

inclusive of any towed unit with gross vehicle weight rating or actual weight of more than 10,000 pounds;

(c) The vehicle is designed or used to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver; or

(d) The vehicle is of any size and is used in the transportation of hazardous materials required to be placarded under 49 C.F.R. part 172, subpart F.

II. The term commercial motor vehicle shall not include:

(a) Emergency vehicles assigned or registered to a fire department or fire service organization when driven by fire service personnel in pursuit of fire service purposes, or returning from fire service purposes, or being driven in a parade.

(b) Recreational vehicles.

(c) Military vehicles when driven by non-civilian military personnel in pursuit of military purposes.

(d) Vehicles used exclusively for agriculture and farming within 150 miles of the owner's farm.

III. For purposes of RSA 263:93-a, "commercial motor vehicle" shall also mean a commercial motor vehicle as defined in 49 C.F.R section 390.5 and in any other federal regulations adopted by rule under RSA 541-A.

Source. 1989, 319:3. 2008, 282:1. 2010, 99:2. 2011, 28:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2012.