

ELD MANDATE: QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

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WHAT IS IT?

FMCSA rule mandating most drivers currently required to prepare hours of service (HOS) records of duty status (RODS) must use electronic logging devices (ELDs).

FMCSA SAYS THE RULE IS PROJECTED TO “SAVE 26 LIVES AND PREVENT 562 INJURIES RESULTING FROM CRASHES INVOLVING LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES” ANNUALLY.

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WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

December 18, 2017 –
Drivers using paper logs must switch to ELDs

December 16, 2019 –
Drivers using AOBRDs must switch to ELDs

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WHO NEEDS TO COMPLY?

Any driver who operates a commercial motor vehicle and is currently required to keep RODs as defined in regulation 395, with a few exemptions.

ELDS ELIMINATE PAPERWORK, PREVENT HOS FINES FROM INACCURATE LOGS, AND ELIMINATE UNPRODUCTIVE HOURS SPENT FILLING OUT RODS.

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WHAT IS THE GRANDFATHER PERIOD?

Any vehicle with an AOBRD before December 18th, 2017 is compliant until December 16th, 2019. AOBRDs will not qualify as compliant after December 16, 2019.

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WHAT ARE THE EXEMPTIONS?

Vehicle Year 2000 or earlier
Cannot support an ELD and will still be required to maintain paper logs.

Already equipped with an AOBRD
Vehicles with an AOBRD by December 18, 2017, fall under the Grandfather clause and have until December 16th, 2019 to transition to an ELD.

Short-Haul Exemption
Drivers that operate within a 100 (CDL)/150 (No CDL) air-mile radius of the normal work-reporting location more than 8 times in a given month. Vehicle(s) are classified as “drive away/tow away” operations.

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WHAT DO THESE TERMS MEAN?

- AOBRD – Automatic OnBoard Recording Device
- ELD – Electronic Logging Device
- FMCSA – Federal Motor Carriers Administration
- HOS – Hours of Service
- RODS – Record of Duty Status