

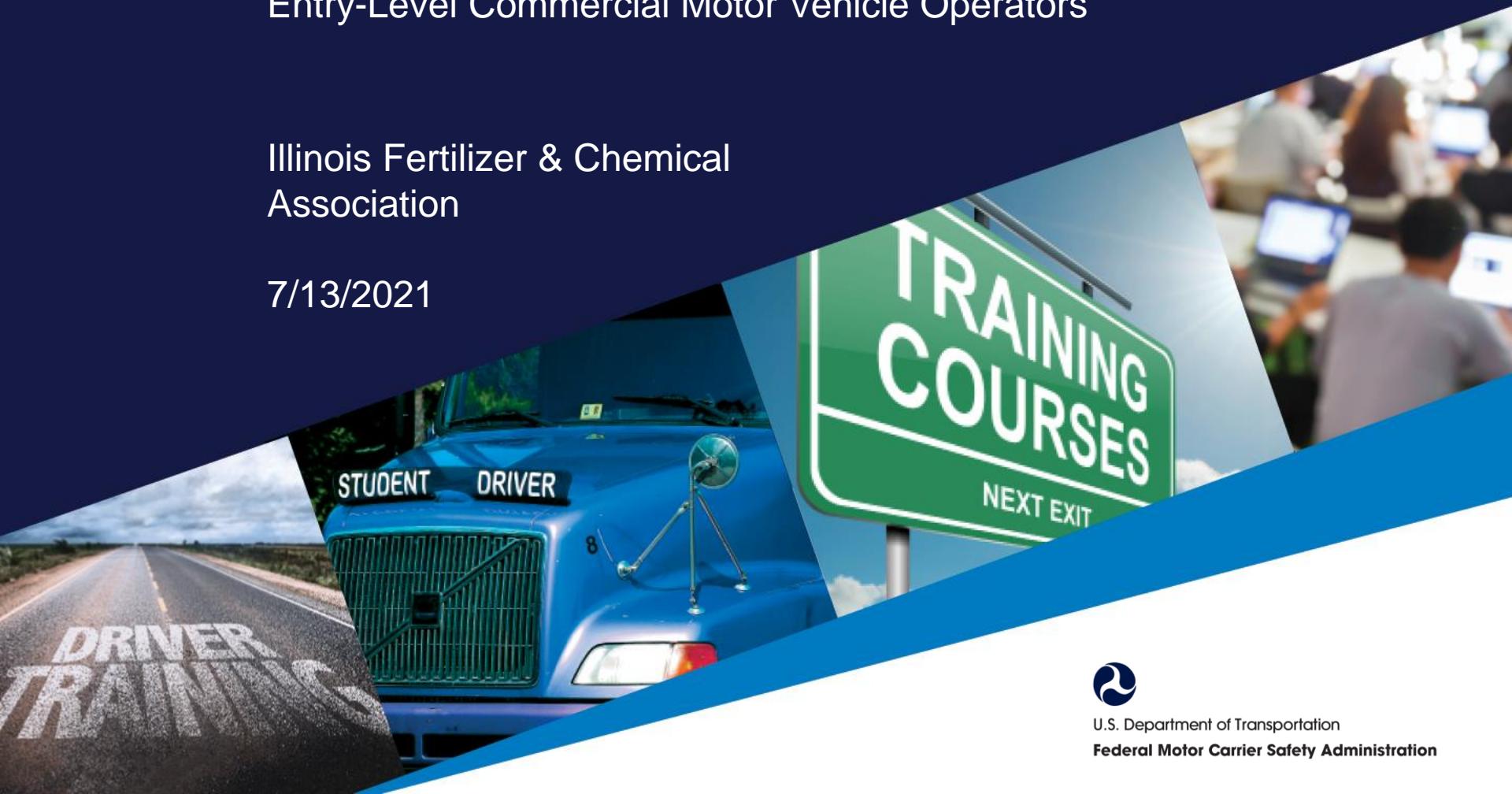


TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators

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The ELDT Final Rule

The Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) final rule

- Published in 2016, mandated by MAP-21.
- Set a Federal standard for mandatory training of entry-level drivers.
 - Establishes minimum requirements entry-level driver training providers must meet.
 - States may have requirements that exceed Federal requirements.
- Established need for the **Training Provider Registry**.
- Compliance Date: **February 7, 2022**.

How will ELDT improve safety on our Nation's roads?

- Ensures that only qualified drivers receive a new CDL, or a CDL upgrade, or S, P, or H endorsement.
- Sets a national baseline for entry-level driver training.
- Identifies standards that training providers must meet.
- Gives States information they need at critical safety checkpoints.
- Further ensures that drivers operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) safely and meet their operational responsibilities.

The Training Provider Registry ensures that these lifesaving requirements are met.

What do the ELDT regulations require of entry-level drivers?

Entry-Level Drivers – Who is Covered?

The ELDT regulations §380.609 establish new minimum training standards for entry-level drivers. This includes individuals applying for:

A Class A or Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) for the first time

An upgrade of an existing Class B CDL to a Class A CDL

A hazardous materials (H), passenger (P), or school bus (S) endorsement for the first time

ELDT Applicability



ELDT Compliance Date
February 7, 2022

- Drivers holding a CLP prior to the compliance date may obtain a CDL without completing entry-level training.
- If the CLP obtained prior to the compliance date, or renewed CLP, expires prior to obtaining a CDL, the driver would be subject to ELDT requirements for Class A or Class B CDL.
- If a driver holds S, P, or H endorsements prior to the compliance date, the driver is not subject to the ELDT requirements for the endorsement(s).
- Drivers who obtain a CLP on or after the compliance are subject to ELDT regulations for CDLs.
- Drivers who apply for a S, P, or H endorsement after the compliance date are subject to ELDT requirements for those endorsements.

Driver Requirements

- Entry-level drivers must complete the applicable training from a training provider that has registered with FMCSA.
 - Registered training providers will be listed on the Training Provider Registry website (public listing coming fall 2021).
- Training must be completed prior to taking a CDL skills test or, if applying for the H endorsement, knowledge test.
- Whether or not a driver is subject to the ELDT regulations is determined by when they obtained their commercial learner's permit (CLP) or any pre-existing endorsements.

Which drivers are NOT subject to ELDT?

- The rule does **not** apply to:
 - Drivers who held a comparable CDL prior to ELDT requirement
 - Individuals not required to have a CDL per State waivers allowed by §383.3
 - Individuals from whom States have waived the CDL skills test under 49 CFR 383.77 (military waivers)
 - Applicants who obtain a CLP before February 7, 2022, so long as they obtain a CDL before the CLP or renewed CLP expires.
 - Removing the restriction from a current CDL
 - Reinstating a CDL after a period of disqualification

Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

- CLP and CDL drivers are subject to the DACH before driving on a public road
- Therefore, students must be registered with the DACH before driving on a public road with a negative result 30 days before the on the road training
- If employed by a carrier, then they will do drug testing through their carrier
- If an independent student, they must register as employer and driver in order to perform the query required

What are the ELDT training requirements?

Training Requirements

Entry-level drivers must receive training and demonstrate proficiency in the following areas:

 THEORY TRAINING	 BEHIND-THE-WHEEL (BTW) TRAINING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc.▪ May use a simulator▪ No minimum number of hours; trainees must score at least 80% on assessment▪ Training topics include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Operation• Safe Operating Procedures• Advanced Operation Procedures• Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions• Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Actual operation of a CMV▪ Takes place on a range or public road▪ May not use a simulator to meet requirements▪ No minimum number of hours, training provider will determine driver's proficiency▪ Basic vehicle control skills and mastery of basic maneuvers

Training Requirements (continued)

- Theory and BTW trainings may be delivered by different training providers.
 - Both training providers must be registered/listed on the Training Provider Registry.
 - Both training providers would separately submit driver training information.
- BTW range and BTW public road trainings must be provided by the same training provider.
- Driver-trainees must complete both the theory and BTW portions of training within one year of each other.

Training Requirements (continued)

BTW Public Road

- Instructors must cover all topics listed and “determine and document that each driver-trainee has demonstrated proficiency in all elements of the BTW curriculum unless otherwise noted.”
 - See Appendices A and B to Part 380.
- Does not allow for “test outs” of skills training on either range or public road.

Additional State Training Requirements

- Applicable ELDT Illinois Regulations
 - Allow for CDL Employers to train own drivers only
 - Offering training for other drivers requires compliance with the state regulations.
 - <https://ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/092/09201060sections.html>

The Training Provider Registry

The Training Provider Registry

- This FMCSA web system will:
 - List training providers eligible to provide entry-level driver training.
 - Retain a record of drivers that have successfully completed entry-level driver training.
 - Provider Registry **now available** for entities to register.



The screenshot shows the FMCSA Training Provider Registry website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Email Sign Up', 'Home', 'About', 'FAQs', 'Training Providers', 'Developers', and 'Contact'. Below the navigation, a banner reads 'Training Providers: Register with FMCSA' with the subtext 'The list of registered training providers will be publicly available later this year.' A large 'REGISTER NOW' button is prominently displayed.

The main content area is titled 'CDL Training Providers: How To Register' and includes a 'How To Register' guide. It features three steps: 'Create a login.gov account', 'Register Training Provider', and 'Register Training Locations'. Each step has a corresponding icon and a brief description.

A large 'Registration is Open' banner is visible, along with a note that providers must self-certify they meet requirements in 49 CFR 383.204. The page also includes a 'Resources for Training Providers' section with links to various documents and a 'Are you ready to register?' section with icons for Curricula, Facilities, Instructors, State Licensing, and Vehicles.

At the bottom, a note states: 'If FMCSA determines that a training provider does not meet all applicable requirements, FMCSA may remove the provider from the list of registered training providers. For the complete list of training provider requirements for entry-level driver training, consult 49 CFR part 383 subparts F and G and 49 CFR part 383.204.'

How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT?



Search

DRIVER
selects registered
training provider
from list on
Training Provider
Registry,
completes training



Submit

**TRAINING
PROVIDER**
electronically
submits driver
training data to
Training Provider
Registry



Retain

FMCSA
retains driver data
in Training Provider
Registry



Retrieve

STATE
retrieves driver data
from Training
Provider Registry

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry (continued)



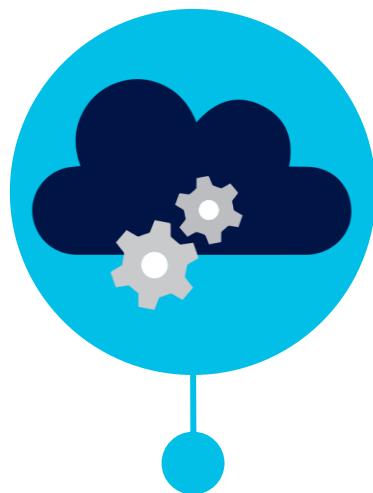
- **CDL applicant** searches the list of training providers on the Training Provider Registry website.
- CDL applicant contacts the training provider and secures their services outside the Training Provider Registry, and successfully completes required training.

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry (continued)



- **Training provider** submits driver training certification information to FMCSA electronically via the Training Provider Registry.
- Driver information must be submitted by midnight of the second business day after the driver-trainee completes the training.
- Must be done for each student when that student completes a training program.

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry (continued)



Retain

- **FMCSA** will retain the driver training certification information securely in the Training Provider Registry.

ELDT and the Training Provider Registry (continued)



Retrieve

- **The State**, prior to administering the relevant skills or knowledge test, must use information from the Training Provider Registry to verify that the driver has completed required training.

What do the ELDT regulations require of training providers?

What is a training provider?

An entity that is listed on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry.

May include:

- Training schools
- Educational institutions
- Rural electronic cooperatives
- Motor carriers
- State/local governments
- School districts
- Joint labor management programs
- Owner-operators
- Individuals

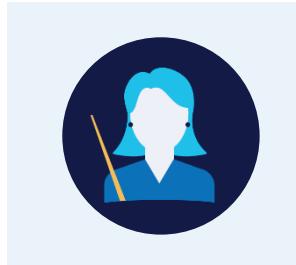
Training Provider Requirements



REGISTRATION



CURRICULA



INSTRUCTORS



FACILITIES



VEHICLES



STATE LICENSING



ASSESSMENTS



TRAINING
CERTIFICATION



DOCUMENTATION



FMCSA AUDITS

For full training provider requirements, see 49 CFR part 380 subparts F & G.



Registering with FMCSA

► For more information: [§ 380.703](#)

- To be authorized to provide entry-level driver training, training providers must register with FMCSA.
- During registration, training providers **must self-certify** that they meet all applicable Federal and State requirements.
- Only registered training providers will:
 - Be listed on the Training Provider Registry website (publicly viewable in late 2021).
 - Be able to submit driver training certification information to FMCSA (beginning on February 7, 2022).
- Training providers are required to register even if they do not provide training to the general public.
 - Providers may omit their contact information from the public list.



Curricula

Training providers must cover all topics described in [49 CFR part 380](#) [appendices A through E](#), as applicable

- There is no required minimum number of instruction hours.
- Separate training providers may deliver the theory and behind-the-wheel (BTW) portions of the training, but both portions of BTW training must be delivered by the same training provider.
- Driver-trainees must complete both the theory and BTW portions of training within one year of each other.
 - Except for individuals seeking the H endorsement
- A simulation device cannot be used for BTW instruction, but can be used as part of theory instruction.

[Download the ELDT Curricula Summary](#) for an overview of requirements.



Instructors

► For more information: §§ [380.713](#), [380.605](#)

- Theory and BTW instructors must 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.
- They must also have either:
 - At least two years of experience driving a CMV requiring a CDL of the same (or higher) class and/or the same endorsement; or
 - At least two years of experience as a behind-the-wheel CMV instructor.
- If an instructor's CDL has been cancelled, suspended or revoked due to offenses identified in §383.51, the instructor is prohibited from teaching for two years following the date his/her CDL is reinstated.



Facilities

► For more information: [§ 380.709](#)

- Classroom and range facilities must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and/or local statutes and regulations.
 - “Range” means an area that:
 1. Is free of obstructions;
 2. Has adequate sight lines; and
 3. Enables the driver to maneuver safely and free from interference from other vehicles and hazards.
 - Training providers may conduct BTW range training in *any* area that meets the three above requirements. They are not required to maintain or rent a private facility or space.
 - If range training is conducted in publicly accessible area, all CLP requirements also apply.



Vehicles

► For more information: [§§ 380.711, 392, 393, 396](#)

- Vehicles must comply with applicable Federal and State safety requirements.
- Vehicles must be in the same group and type that driver-trainees intend to operate for their CDL skills test.



State Licensing

► For more information: [§ 380.703](#)

- Training providers must be licensed, certified, registered, or authorized by the State where the training is conducted, as applicable.
 - Note: Some States may not have instructor certification requirements for entry-level driver training providers.
- If a training provider offers theory instruction **only online**, the State licensing requirements do not apply.



Assessments

► For more information: [§ 380.725](#)

Theory Training

- Training providers must use assessments (in written or electronic format) to determine trainees' proficiency with all units in the theory curriculum.
- Students must earn a minimum overall score of 80 percent.

BTW Training

- Training instructors must evaluate and document a trainee's proficiency in BTW skills.
- Training instructors must document the total number of clock hours each trainee spends to complete the BTW curriculum, but there is no minimum number of training hours required.



Driver Training Certification

Training providers are not required to submit training certification information until February 7, 2022 and thereafter

- The following training certification information must be submitted to the Training Provider Registry by midnight of the second business day after each student completes training:
 - Driver-trainee name, date of birth, and license/permit number and State of issuance.
 - CDL class/endorsement and type.
 - Specifics about the type of training completed (for example, theory or BTW).
 - Score on written theory assessment (if applicable).
 - Total number of clock hours spent BTW (if applicable).
 - Date of successful completion of training.



Documentation and Record Retention

► For more information: [§ 380.725](#)

- All training providers must retain specific records, including:
 - Self-certifications by accepted driver-trainees for BTW training attesting that they will comply with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations, as well as State and/or local laws related to controlled substances and alcohol testing, age, medical certification, licensing, and driving record.
 - A copy of the trainee's CLP or CDL.
 - Instructor qualification documentation.
 - Lesson plans for theory and BTW (range and public road) training curricula.
 - Records of individual entry-level driver training assessments.
- Records must be maintained for at least 3 years.



FMCSA Audits

► For more information: §§ [380.721](#), [380.723](#)

- Training providers must allow FMCSA or its authorized representative to audit their operations.
 - If FMCSA determines that a training provider does not meet all applicable requirements, FMCSA may remove the training provider from the Registry.
 - Any training conducted after a training provider's removal date will be considered invalid.
 - Training providers who wish to remain listed on the Registry may appeal FMCSA's decision or take corrective action.



Maintaining Registration

► For more information: [§ 380.719](#)

- **Within 30 days of a change**

Update your registration with any changes to key information, such as:

- Name, address, phone number.
- Type(s) of training offered.
- Training provider status.
- Change in State licensure, certification, or accreditation status.

- **Biennial update**

Confirm your TPR registration biennially, even if nothing has changed.



Grounds for Removal

► For more information: [§ 380.721](#)

- **FMCSA may remove a provider from the TPR based upon:**
 - Failing to comply with the requirements for continued TPR listing
 - Denying access during an audit or investigation
 - Material deficiencies in the program, operations, or eligibility
 - Falsely claiming eligibility to provide training
 - Evaluation of pass/fail rates for students of the providers based upon State testing scores
- **Removal by FMCSA means any training conducted after the removal date is invalid**
- **On a case-by-case basis, FMCSA may retroactively invalidate previous training if the driver-trainee willingly engaged in fraud or other criminal behavior**

How will your training provider submit driver training certification information?

Get Ready to Submit on February 7, 2022



MANUAL SUBMISSION

All training providers will be able to manually enter driver information using an online form.



WEB SERVICES SUBMISSION

Optional: Training providers with their own IT systems can set up a web interface to submit data via a TPR Web Service.

TPR Web Service

The TPR Web Service submission option may be a good fit for training providers that:

- Anticipate submitting a significant number of driver training certifications on a regular basis.
- Have an existing IT system to track driver training results.
- Have an IT support team that can update your IT system to interface with TPR Web Service, per the technical specifications in the Web Services Development Handbook.



Learn more at <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/DeveloperToolkit>

Resources & Support Available to Providers

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- Training Provider Registry Developer's Toolkit (<https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov/DeveloperToolkit>)
- Testing support
- Access to Registry developers for questions and troubleshooting



The screenshot shows the 'DOWNLOAD TOOLS FOR DEVELOPERS' page. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Email Sign Up', 'Home', 'About', 'FAQs', 'Developers', and 'Contact'. A 'Quick Links' sidebar on the right lists 'Frequently Asked Questions', 'TPR FactSheet', and 'Training Provider FactSheet'. The main content area is divided into 'STATES' and 'TRAINING PROVIDERS' sections, each with a 'Developer's Toolkit' sub-section. The 'STATES' toolkit is for SDOLAs and includes a note about using AMVVA-supported systems. The 'TRAINING PROVIDERS' toolkit is for training providers and includes a note about using TPR Web Services. Both sections have download buttons for 'STATE TOOLKIT' and 'PROVIDER TOOLKIT'.

Training Provider registration now available

Get Ready to Register

- Ensure your curricula, documentation, vehicles, etc. meet the minimum ELDT standards.
- When you register, you must self-certify that you comply with all applicable ELDT requirements.
- For a complete list of training provider requirements, visit [49 CFR part 380 subparts F and G](#) and [appendices A through E](#).

Countdown to ELDT

Training Provider Registry Timeline



Summer 2021

Training provider **registration** begins



Fall 2021

List of training providers **publicly available** on the Training Provider Registry website



February 7, 2022

ELDT compliance date
Training providers begin **submitting training certification information**
States begin **verifying driver training certification information**

Resources from FMCSA

- Visit the TPR website: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>
 - Sign up for email updates from FMCSA
 - Find answers to frequently asked questions
 - Access developer materials to help you build a connection to the TPR Web Service

Driver/General Information

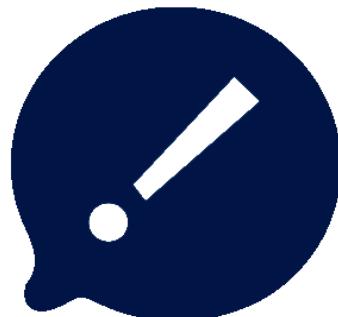
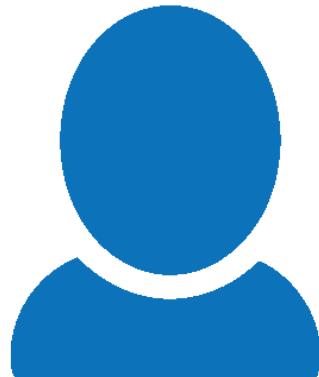
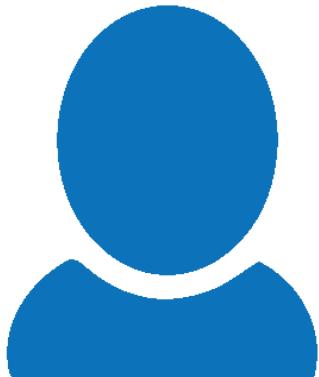
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Materials for Training Providers

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Q&A



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To learn more about ELDT and the Training Provider Registry, visit:
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