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Entry-Level Driver Training/Training Provider Registry Update

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Overview

- **Entry-Level Driver Training**
- **Training Provider Registry**
- **Provider Complaints**
- **Proactive Approach**
- **Allegation of Noncompliance Investigations**

Entry-Level Driver Training

Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT)

- MAP-21 requirement established through negotiated rulemaking.
 - Codified at 49 CFR part 380, subpart G.
- The Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations improve safety by establishing a Federal minimum standard of training individuals must complete before testing for certain commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) and endorsements.
 - Sets a national baseline for entry-level driver training.
- States may have requirements that exceed the Federal requirements.
- To ensure driver-trainees are thoroughly trained in safe driving practices, providers must meet all established requirements.
- Gives States information they need at critical safety checkpoints.

Entry-Level Drivers – Who Is Covered?

The ELDT regulations 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

The rule does not cover individuals for whom States have waived the CDL skills test under 49 CFR part 383.

Training Requirements

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



THEORY TRAINING

- Lectures, demonstrations, computer-based, online learning, etc.
- May use a simulator
- No minimum number of hours; must score at least 80% on assessment
- Training topics include:
 - Basic Operation
 - Safe Operating Procedures
 - Advanced Operation Procedures
 - Vehicle Systems and Reporting Malfunctions
 - Non-Driving Activities (e.g., Hours of Service)



BEHIND-THE-WHEEL (BTW) TRAINING

- 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 Provider Requirements

- What is a training provider?
 - An entity that is listed on the FMCSA Training Provider Registry
 - This includes:
 - Training schools
 - Educational institutions
 - Rural electronic cooperatives
 - Motor carriers
 - State/local governments
 - School districts
 - Joint labor management
 - Owner-operators
 - Individuals

Training Provider Requirements

- **As of February 7, 2022:**
 - Training providers wishing to provide entry-level driver training must **register** and **self-certify** that they meet all FMCSA and State requirements that apply to:



CURRICULA



FACILITIES



INSTRUCTORS



STATE LICENSING



VEHICLES

For full training provider requirements, see 49 CFR part 380, Subpart G

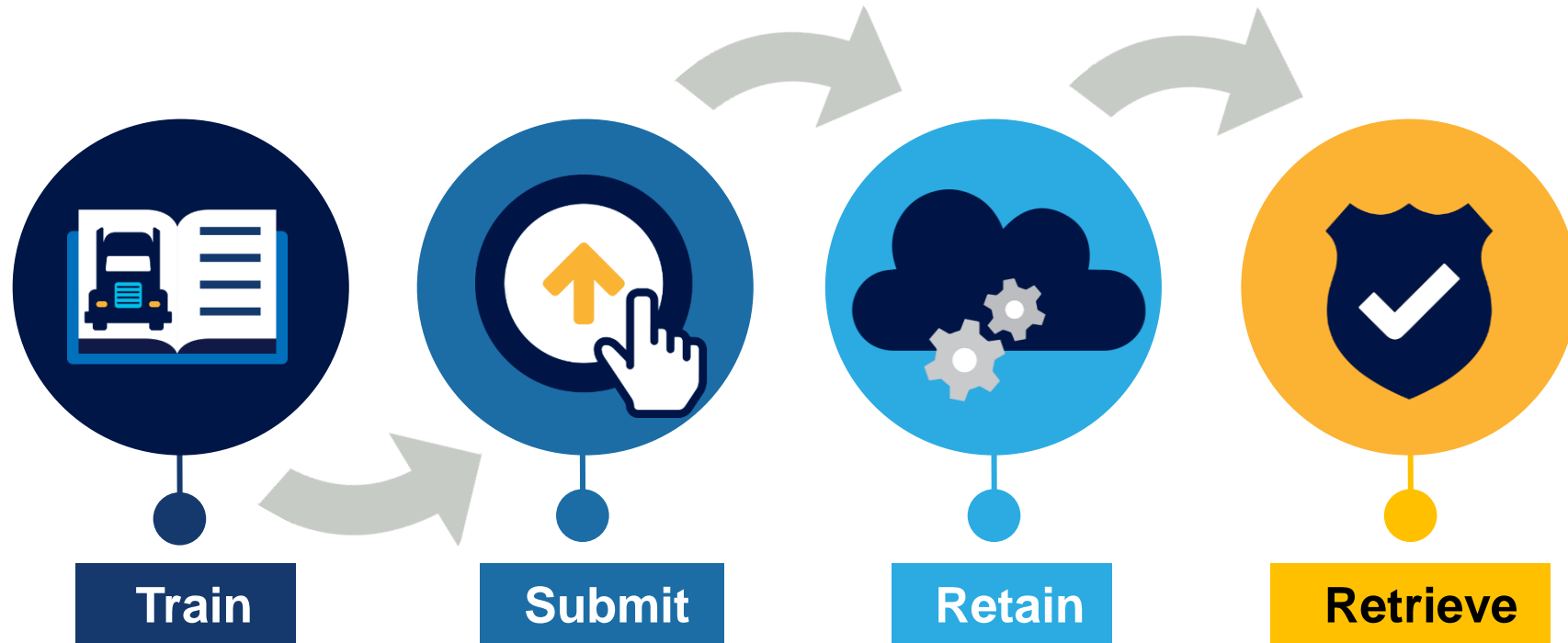
The Training Provider Registry

Training Provider Registry

- **FMCSA Web System that:**
 - Contains the official list of approved entry-level driver training providers.
 - Retains a record of drivers that have successfully completed entry-level driver training.
 - Allows drivers to search for approved training providers

The screenshot shows the FMCSA Training Provider Registry website. At the top, there is a search bar with fields for "Training type", "Location", and "Provider Name", along with a search icon. Below the search bar, the main heading reads "WELCOME TO THE TRAINING PROVIDER REGISTRY". A sub-heading states: "FMCSA's Training Provider Registry improves highway safety by ensuring that entry-level drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) complete training as required by the new Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) regulations before testing for certain commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) and CDL endorsements. Start a search to find a registered training provider." Below this text is a button that says "SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES". On the right side, there is a "I want to..." menu with the following options: "Register as a training provider", "Find a training provider", "Check my driver record", "View list of providers under review", "View list of removed providers", and "Submit a complaint". At the bottom, there are two informational cards. The first card is titled "What Is Entry-Level Driver Training?" and includes a video thumbnail of a man in a blue shirt. The second card is titled "Who needs to take entry-level driver training?" and includes a video thumbnail of a woman in a red vest.

How does the Training Provider Registry support ELDT?





Location Type



In-Person
32,392



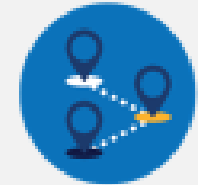
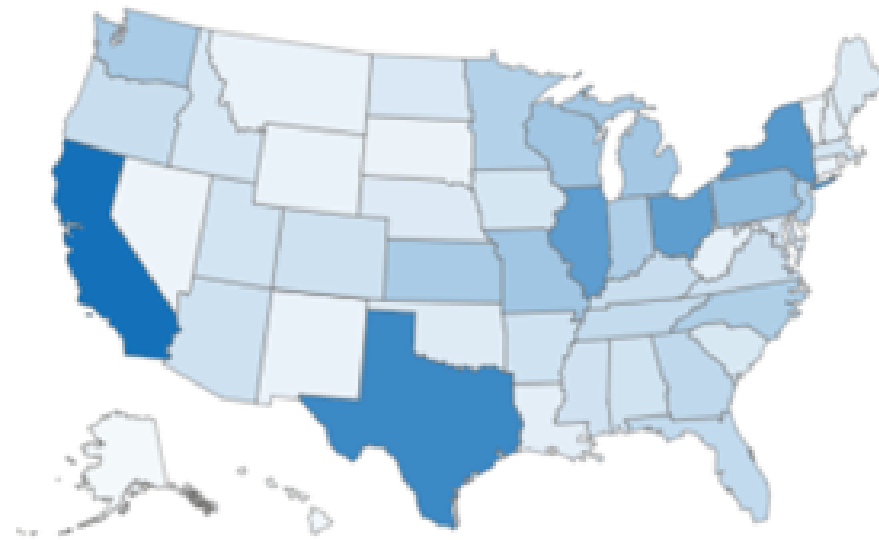
Traveling
1,704



Online
1,542



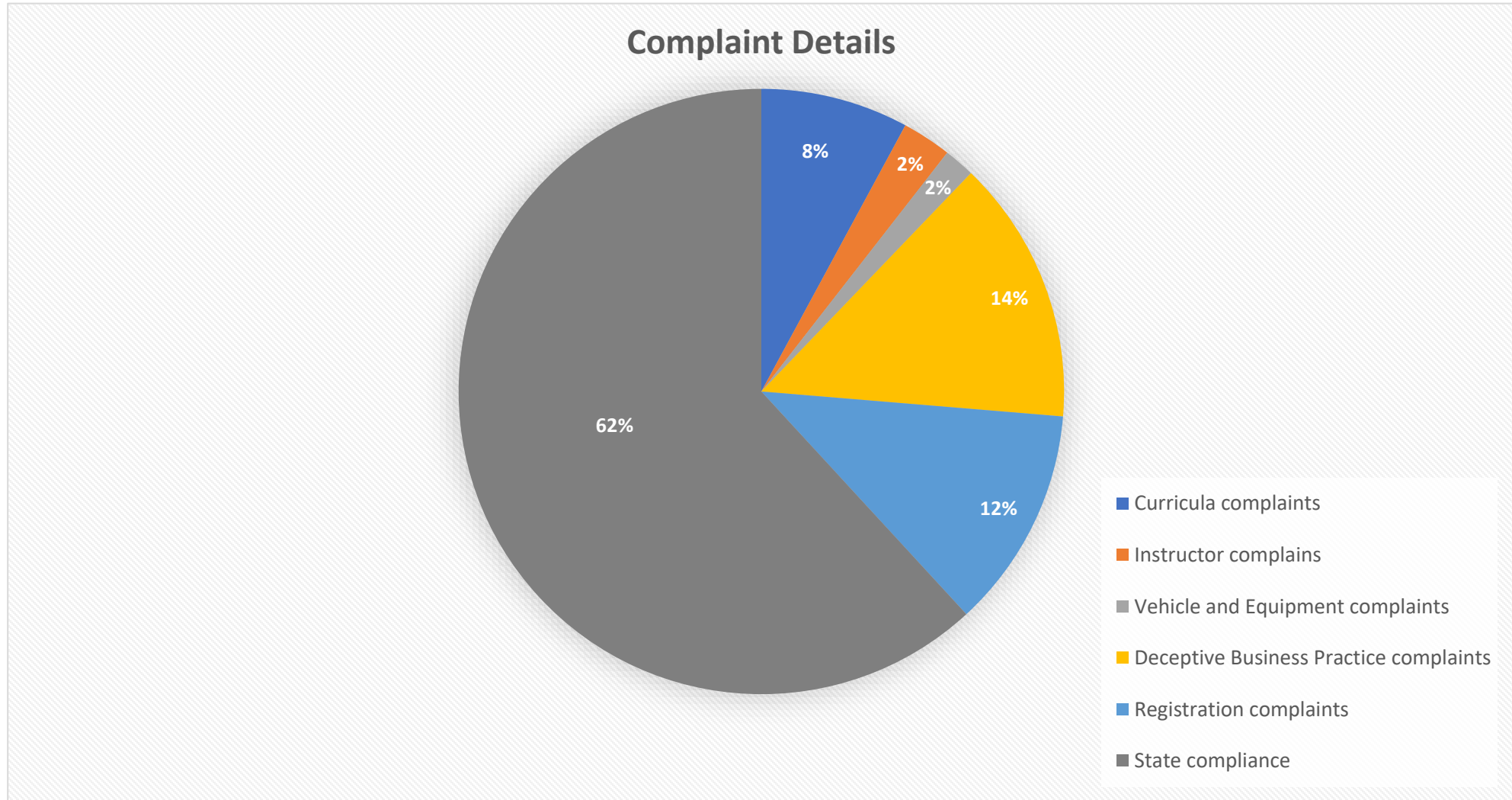
Total Locations
35,638



TOTAL PROVIDERS
20,116

Provider Complaints

TPR Complaint Details



Proactive Approach

Proactive Approach To Mitigate Noncompliance

📄 Audit/Reviews

- 📄 Random Review of New Provider's Registration Request
- 📄 Periodic Review of Providers Data

📄 Update TPR Website

- 📄 State Requirements Page
- 📄 Online Newsletter

📄 Provide Webinars

- 📄 FMCSA Staff
- 📄 Providers
- 📄 States/Local Governments
- 📄 Driver-Trainees

📄 State Guidance for Submitting State Noncompliance

State Guidance for Submitting State Noncompliance

FMCSA encourages States to send notice to a Provider(s) they feel are not meeting State requirement(s)

- Send Provider a letter citing requirement(s) with a request to comply within a given time
- If the Provider meets the requested requirement(s), no further action is required
- If the Provider does not meet the requested requirement(s), see options below

If a State wants FMCSA to investigate a Provider for State noncompliance

- The State must provide FMCSA with a copy of a letter sent to the Provider citing State requirement(s) with a request to comply within a given time
- FMCSA will use the State's letter as the basis for an investigation and send the Provider a Notice of Investigation
- FMCSA's Notice of Investigation will reiterate the State's request and hold the Provider to the State's date for compliance
 - If the Provider meets the requested requirement(s), no further action is required.
 - If the Provider does not meet the requested requirement(s), the Provider is issued a Notice of Proposed Removal and listed on the TPR

State Guidance for Submitting State Noncompliance

If a State wants FMCSA to immediately remove a Provider from the TPR (Emergency Removal)

- Provide FMCSA with a copy of the State requirement(s)
- Provide FMCSA with a copy of the letter sent to the Provider citing State requirement(s) with a request to comply within a given time
- Proof of letter delivery
- Evidence that the reasonable time for requested compliance has passed

Allegations of Noncompliance Investigations

Training Provider Investigations

Investigations will focus on the components alleged in a complaint or determined in an audit/review, unless, during the investigation other areas of potential noncompliance are discovered.

INVOLUNTARY REMOVAL



EMERGENCY REMOVAL

Emergency Removal from the TPR is initiated in cases of fraud, criminal behavior, willful disregard of the ELDT rule or in which the public health, interest, or safety requires immediate removal.



Where can I get additional details about the rule?



To learn more about ELDT and the Training Provider Registry, visit: <https://tpr.fmcsa.dot.gov>



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