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Who is required to use ELD?

The [electronic logging device \(ELD\) rule](#) – congressionally mandated as a part of MAP-21 – is intended to help create a safer work environment for drivers, and make it easier and faster to accurately track, manage, and share records of duty status (RODS) data. An ELD synchronizes with a vehicle engine to automatically record driving time, for easier, more accurate hours of service (HOS) recording.

The ELD Rule:

- Specifies who is covered by the rule and exceptions to it.
- Provides for ELDS to be self-certified and [registered with FMCSA](#).
- Includes technical specifications to ensure ELDs are standardized and compliant.
- Includes a phased implementation timeline to give drivers and carriers time to comply.
- Includes provisions to help prevent data tampering and harassment of drivers.
- Creates standard data displays and data transfer processes, making it easier to demonstrate compliance and faster to share RODS with safety officials.



The following table illustrates the different devices that can be used during each phase:

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Phase 1	■	■	■	■
Phase 2	■	■		
Phase 3	■			

Phase 1: Awareness and Transition Phase: The two-year period following publication of the ELD rule February 16, 2016 to December 18, 2017.

During this time, carriers and drivers subject to the rule should prepare to comply, and may voluntarily use ELDs.

Carriers and drivers subject to the rule can use any of the following for records of duty status (RODS):

- Paper logs
- Logging software
- AOBDRDs (Automatic On Board Recording Devices)
- ELDs that are self-certified and [registered with FMCSA](#)

Phase 2: Phased-In Compliance Phase: The two-year period from the Compliance Date to the Full Compliance Phase (four years following ELD rule publication) December 18, 2017 to December 16, 2019.

Carriers and drivers subject to the rule can use:

- AOBDRDS that were installed prior to December 18, 2017
- Self-Certified and [registered ELDs with FMCSA](#)

Phase 3: Full Compliance Phase: After December 16, 2019 all drivers and carriers subject to the rule must use self-certified ELDs that are [registered with FMCSA](#).

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NOTE: The information provided on this website is to help promote understanding of and compliance with the ELD rule - it is not a substitute for

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the [specific requirements documented in the rule](#).

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