

TRUCKIN REPORT

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Do I Need an ELD?

The ELD mandate from the FMCSA is going into effect December 2017. So you are probably thinking, "That's 11 months away! I don't need to think about it yet." Imagine if all 3.5 million truck drivers in the US wait... There is no way that the ELD companies will be able to fulfil all of those orders in enough time for everyone to be compliant. A lot of people are asking the big questions - "Do I even need an ELD? How do I know if I am exempt?" We are here to answer your questions and more.

- "ELD" Electronic Logging Device, "L" means "Log". If you are currently required to keep Records of Duty Status (RODS) then you will need an ELD, whether you are 1 driver or if you have 500 drivers.
- What does your vehicle weigh? If it is over 10,001 lbs or if you have a gross vehicle weight rating or combination weight of over 10,001 lbs you will need an ELD.
- What is your vehicle designed to do? If you are getting compensated to transport 9 or more passengers including the driver you will need an ELD. If you are not getting compensated but you transport 16 or more passengers including the driver you will need an ELD. If you transport hazardous material in a quantity requiring placards you will need an ELD.

•There are some exceptions, including:

- Driver/ Salesperson, where your total driving time does not exceed 40 hours in any period of 7 consecutive days.
- Oilfield Carrier, focused on transportation and usage of oilfield equipment like the stringing and picking up of pipe used in pipelines or well-site construction.
- Short Hauler, CDL drivers that operate within a 100 air-mile radius of the normal work reporting location or Non-CDL drivers operating within a 150 air-mile radius of their home depot. It is VERY IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT YOU CAN BE PULLED OVER AND YOUR WILL NEED TO PROVE THAT YOU HAVE NOT GONE OUT OF YOUR AREA WITH THE TRUCK. WE can provide you with a solution that will enable you to prove you did not go outside of that radius!
- Pre-2000 Vehicle, most do not have engine control modules (ECM), which is needed for ELD.

To make it *SIMPLE*: if a driver goes over their maximum 12 hour work shift, stays overnight somewhere other than their normal start location, or goes over the 100/150 air-miles, more than 8 days in a 30 day period, then they must use an ELD. Regardless of the exceptions listed, you will need to prove that you are not in violation of the mandate. Next month we will cover more on what happens if you are not in compliance.



Time is running out!

Don't miss out on our limited time offer!

Our first 1,000 registrations will receive a 10% discount on ELD services PLUS free filing of your 2290 for tax year 2017 with

simpletruck tax

Go to <u>www.simpletruckeld.com</u> now and register!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Register with us in the next 2 weeks and receive our Early Bird Discount! Call us now to find out more 847-264-4668!



Special Offer

Attention comparies that provide services to the trucking industry!

We have an exciting offer for you! We are looking for the right people to work with us and enjoy a successful future together. Contact us today to find out more!

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- Next Month we will discuss what penalties will be enforced for drivers not compliant with the ELD mandate come December 17, 2017.
- Is there a topic you would like us to cover?
- Do you have unanswered ELD questions?
- Do you currently have an ELD and want share your thoughts?
- Let me know sara.perez@simpletruckeld.com

IN THE NEWS







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