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the authority to take enforcement actions not only against motor carriers, but also against shippers, receivers, and transportation intermediaries.]

Setting technology specifications detailing performance and design requirements for ELDs so that manufacturers are able to produce compliant devices and systems – and purchasers are enabled to make informed decisions.

Establishing new hours-of-service supporting document (shipping documents, fuel purchase receipts, etc.) requirements that will result in additional paperwork reductions. In most cases, a

motor carrier would not be required to retain supporting documents verifying on-duty driving time.

The ELD Final Rule permits the use of smartphones and other wireless devices as ELDs, so long as they satisfy technical specifications, are certified, and are listed on an FMCSA website. Canadian- and Mexican-domiciled drivers will also be required to use ELDs when operating on U.S. roadways.

Motor carriers who have previously installed compliant Automatic On-Board Recording Devices may continue to use the devices for an additional two years beyond the compliance date.

## ELECTRONIC LOGGING DEVICES

The electronic logging device (ELD) rule is intended to help create a safer work environment for drivers, and make it easier, faster to accurately track, manage, and share records of duty status (RODS) data.

For carriers using AOBRDs (automatic onboard recording devices) before the rule compliance date December 18, 2017, the rule will replace AOBRDs with ELDs over a four-year implementation period.

An ELD synchronizes with a vehicle engine to automatically record driving time, for easier, more accurate hours of service (HOS) recording.

The rule applies to most carriers and drivers who are required to maintain RODS.

### The ELD Rule:

- Specifies who is covered by the rule and exceptions to it.
- Provides for ELDs to be certified, registered, and listed on a FMCSA website.
- 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.

### ELD Rule Impacts

Carriers and Drivers who are subject to the rule must install and use ELDs by the appropriate deadline:

- Carriers and drivers who are using paper logs or logging software must transition to ELDs no later than Dec. 18, 2017.
- Carriers and drivers who use AOBRDs prior to the compliance date must transition to ELDs no later than Dec. 16, 2019.



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