

Who must comply with the ELD rule?

Question:

Who must comply with the Electronic Logging Device (ELD) rule?

Answer:

The ELD rule applies to motor carriers and drivers who are currently required to keep records of duty service (RODS) under the hours-of-service (HOS) regulations. Drivers who use the time card exception, and don't keep paper RODs, will not be required to use ELDs. If the CMV is older than model year 2000, then the driver is not required to use an ELD.

The following drivers may keep paper RODS:

- Drivers who keep RODS no more than 8 days during any 30-day period.
- Driveaway-towaway drivers (transporting a vehicle for sale, lease, or repair), provided the vehicle driven is part of the shipment or the vehicle being transported is a motor home or recreational vehicle trailer.
- Drivers of vehicles manufactured before model year 2000. However, a carrier can choose to use an ELD, even if it is not required.