

# UNDERSTANDING THE CANADIAN ELD MANDATE

## WHAT IS THE MANDATE?

In 2017, Transport Canada announced it would be making electronic logging mandatory. Motor carriers are expected to have ELDs installed and switch from paper daily logs to ELDs. Canada plans a soft enforcement of the ELD mandate beginning **June 12, 2021**. This enforcement period is expected to ramp up gradually. It begins exclusively with education and awareness and leads to full enforcement at the end of the 12 month period.

## WHAT IS AN ELD?

Transport Canada defines an ELD as a certified device or technology that automatically logs the driver's driving time and record of duty status. ELD devices in Canada will require compliance with the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators' (CCMTA) Technical Standard for ELDs and must be certified by an accredited third party. *Check with your provider to ensure they will be ready.*

## HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY DRIVERS?

The Canadian Commercial Vehicle Drivers Hours of Service (HOS) Regulations remain largely intact; the mandate changes the way those hours are recorded and reported.

Drivers must be able to transfer the data, such as being able to email a PDF file and having an on-screen display of data or the capability of printing data.

The Canadian ELD rule requires limitations on distance driven under personal conveyance within 24-hour periods. Under this requirement, the driving status changes automatically if the distance driven exceeds 75 km.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF ELDs?

- Maintain regulatory compliance and make enforcement checks faster
- Improve driver and road safety
- Enhance overall fleet safety and performance

## ARE THERE ANY EXEMPTIONS?

Yes, Canada has four main exemptions as listed in *Canada Gazette Part 2 Volume 153, Number 12*, for fleets that:

- Operate under a specific permit issued
- Have a statutory exemption
- Are subject to a rental agreement with terms under 30 days
- Operate a vehicle manufactured before model year 2000

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