

# ELD FAQs

## WHAT IS ELD?

The electronic logging device (ELD) rule is intended to 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.

## WHAT IS THE ELD COMPLIANCE MANDATE?

As of December 18, 2017, most commercial vehicles and drivers involved in interstate commerce are required to have an ELD installed to operate in the United States.

It was created to eliminate errors in HOS records through paper logs that can be easily manipulated and falsified. They are supposed to be tamper-resistant so information cannot be altered.

## WHAT EFFECT DOES THIS HAVE ON TRANSIT?

HOS rules are not changing but flexibility on transit times will. As ELDs provide an accurate tracking of drivers' on-duty status and hours, any change on planned loading and unloading times could lead to a driver running out of hours for the day. Drivers have a 14 hour on-duty limit per day and within those hours, they have an 11 hour driving limit.

## WHAT CAN WE EXPECT?

- Rate Fluctuations
- Tighter Lane Capacity
- Waiting Times/Detention
- Transit Time

**For more information from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration visit:**

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/electronic-logging-devices>



## DID YOU KNOW?

According to the FMCSA, the mandate is estimated to affect approximately  
**3.1 MILLION TRUCKS &  
3.4 MILLION DRIVERS.**