

Checklist: How to Choose the Right ELD Compliance Solution for Your Business

When looking into an ELD system, it's a good idea to note the extent of the features it provides. This checklist helps steer you in the right direction, highlighting the most valuable offerings that an ELD solution should attain.

Provider Does the ELD provider:

- ☐ Have more than 5 years of experience in the ELD solution field?
- ☐ Service more than 20,000 customers?
- Offer a solution that meets Hours-of-Service regulations?
- ☐ Provide an award-winning, cloud-based and user-friendly system for fleets of all sizes?

Technology Is the ELD system:

- ☐ Able to integrate with a vehicle's electronic control module (ECM), providing direct visibility into engine hours, including record of duty statuses (RODS)?
- ☐ Supported by software owned by the provider, reducing chances of cyberattacks and fleet data corruption?
- ☐ Multi-dimensional, portable and easy to use?
- ☐ Capable of storing, recording and submitting driver hours of service for compliance?
- ☐ Able to connect with the ECM, record activity and provide timestamps of when driver status changes occurred?
- ☐ Integrated with GPS fleet tracking software, offering real-time access into vehicle locations, driver performance, reporting features and more?

Compliance Is the ELD:

- ☐ FMCSA- and DOT-compliant?
- ☐ Certified and in compliance with federal regulations?
- ☐ Immediately accessible for law enforcement use, weigh stations and checkpoints?
- ☐ Integrated with a fleet management solution, enabling managers to remotely monitor HOS statuses and electronic log summaries in real time for each driver?

ELD Features Does the ELD system offer:

- ☐ In-cab driver tools for automated tasks and improved efficiency?
- ☐ A user-friendly in-vehicle tablet with built-in driver applications for an all-in-one experience?
- ☐ Federally compliant electronic driver logs (E-Logs)?
- ☐ Digital driver vehicle inspection reports for post- and pre-trip inspections (DVIR)?
- ☐ Portability and Bluetooth connectivity for walk-around vehicle inspections?
- ☐ Clear driver-dispatch two-way messaging for faster response times and customer service?
- ☐ Truck-grade navigation, including voice-guided directions, road restriction options and day/night modes?
- ☐ Routing capabilities, such as in-vehicle routing from dispatch to driver in-cab display?

Reporting Is information on the device:

- Recorded and transmitted via the provider's back-end system, showcasing the data on a user-friendly cloud-based software platform?
- ☐ Accessible via sharable and exportable reports, including emailed reports that can be sent to multiple recipients?
- ☐ Recorded, stored and accessible for HOS compliance, weigh stations and law enforcement?
- ☐ Displayed in messaging reports that detail when and where inbound and outbound messages were originated?
- ☐ Compiled to show anything from sent and received messages to electronic driver log grids to driver vehicle inspection reports?
- ☐ Safe and secure, providing a high level of data integrity for businesses of any size?

Communication Can the ELD:

- ☐ Send and receive two-way messages?
- ☐ Provide instant driver access to messages in canned, form-fill and free-text for specific types of messaging?
- Submit signed HOS electronic driver logs and driver vehicle inspection reports to managers?
- ☐ Transport recorded and submitted data right to a user portal where managers can view and maintain the data for audits and compliance?

Tracking and Analytics Does the ELD system:

- ☐ Integrate with a cloud-based GPS fleet tracking platform?
- ☐ Provide users with real-time visibility into vehicle locations on live maps and event data?
- ☐ Connect with a vehicle's ECM to report vehicle diagnostics, such as fault codes?
- ☐ Offer insight into fleet performance and vehicle usability?
- ☐ Track driving behavior, allowing users to improve fleet safety?
- ☐ Attain customizable reporting features to build reports relevant to your company's goals and metrics?

Support Does the ELD Provider:

- ☐ Offer a dedicated customer support team that's local and with a direct-access phone number?
- ☐ Unlimited online training and web-based classes to learn more about the product and how it can improve your fleet?
- ☐ Provide system and equipment warranty?