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2021 Wisconsin Act 152 [2021 Senate Bill 642]

Entry-Level Training Requirements for Commercial Driver License

2021 Wisconsin Act 152 specifies that an applicant for a commercial driver license (CDL), upgrade, or endorsement must satisfy federal entry-level training requirements through a federally registered training provider.

The entry-level training requirements apply to an initial application for a CDL, CDL upgrade, hazardous materials (“H”) endorsement, 16 or more passenger vehicle (“P”) endorsement, or a school bus operator (“S”) endorsement. For a hazardous materials endorsement, the entry-level training is required before a hazardous materials instruction permit may be granted.

The requirements do not apply to a driver who already holds a CDL, CDL upgrade, or H, P, or S endorsement.

Effective date: The act requires the Department of Transportation to publish a notice in the Administrative Register for the effective date of the federal regulations.¹ The act takes effect on the date specified in the notice.

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¹ The federal requirements became effective February 7, 2022. [49 C.F.R. s. 380.600.]