

## Hours of Service & Electronic Logging Devices Webinar

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### Questions & Answers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Mandate final rule compliance date was December 18, 2017, and all carriers subject to the rule must use self-certified ELDs that are registered with FMCSA by December 16, 2019. This webinar featuring industry expert Mike McDonal provides guidance to rural transit agencies about the FMCSA Hours of Service (HOS) regulations and the ELD Mandate, including an overview of the regulations, compliance, management, technology and implementation.

Visit the [webinar recording](#) for questions asked during the webinar. We have also provided answers to questions received after the webinar here.

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**Question:** Do rural agencies need to comply with the HOS/ELD mandates?

**Answer:** It is not the location or size of a company that is regulated. As long as they are engaged in interstate commerce in a commercial vehicle which is any vehicle designed to carry 8 passengers or more for hire, they would need to comply.

**Question:** Do Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) count as Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs)?

**Answer:** An ELD is a very specific piece of technology as defined by FMCSA. If the device is not gathering all of the data required for an ELD, then **no** it is not the same. The device also must be listed on the FMCSA website as a registered device.

**Question:** If the Greyhound bus stops at my building, does that mean I am connecting with interstate travel and need to comply?

**Answer:** If you are an intercity transit agency that operates purely within a 100-air mile radius of your home terminal and do not connect with Greyhound or other "over the road" carrier with the intent of going across state lines, then **no** you are not required to have ELD. If the Greyhound bus picks people up with the intent of taking them across state lines or to a connecting means of

transportation, (i.e. rail, boat or other highway travel) then **yes**, they are in interstate travel even if only one passenger fits that criteria.

**Question:** Is our company exempt from ELDs if we operate under or within the 100-mile radius and drivers log their hours?

**Answer:** Yes, if your company meets all 5 criteria in 49CFR395.1(e)

**Question:** What are average price ranges for ELDs?

**Answer:** According to the [ELD Buyer's Guide](#), initial costs for ELDs range from \$0-\$800, with ongoing fees ranging from \$0-\$60 per month.