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## Limousine Association of New Jersey

### E-News

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## Have CDL Chauffeurs? This Is Your Need-to-Know

**WHAT  
YOU  
NEED  
TO KNOW**

In 2012 the U.S. Congress passed the **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act** (also known as **MAP-21**) that included a provision for Commercial Driver License (CDL) drivers that is to become **effective February 7, 2022**.

As explained in a summary recently released by **LBC Fleet**, an enterprise that assists companies with regulation compliance, "...Congress mandated that all new CDL drivers and those adding certain endorsements must go through Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT).

"ELDT applies to any driver who applies for a new CDL, upgrades their existing class of CDL, or adds a passenger, school bus, or hazmat endorsements to their existing license. This applies to all drivers, including both interstate or intrastate operations...

"What this means is that effective February 7, 2022, any driver wanting to get a license upgrade or add a P endorsement will need to complete a course through a certified school. For operators that encourage chauffeurs to get a CDL or regularly hire truck drivers that add a P endorsement, this means the cost to hire CDLs may go up substantially.

"Going forward, these drivers will need to complete a required curriculum that includes behind-the-wheel training; both 'parking lot' and on-road, as well as classroom training for the license type or endorsement they are applying for. Drivers will not be allowed to complete their skills test and get their license until completed. As part of the course, drivers must complete a written test with a score of at least 80% and show proficiency behind the wheel. All behind-the-wheel training must be in the same type of vehicle the driver is requesting licensing for. Once a student completes the course, the trainer submits their information to (the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration) FMCSA. Once the state receives the information, then the driver will be eligible to take their skills test.

"Professional driving courses are already commonly used by the trucking industry and the average cost is \$3,000-\$7,000 per student. Compare that to the \$20-30 it costs most drivers now to upgrade their license and...expect to see an increase in driver hiring incentives and average pay.

"Between now and February, (it is) highly recommend(ed that) companies encourage eligible drivers to get a CDL. Companies that frequently have drivers add P endorsements should also plan to hire proactively ahead of the deadline..."

## **And More!**

### **LANJ Webinar Recording Offers Additional Explanation, Answers Questions on CDL Changes**

On December 21, the Limousine Association of New Jersey hosted a webinar that focused on the need-to-know about the new Commercial Driver License (CDL) requirements that will become effective this coming February 7.

The webinar's guest speakers were **Joe Guinn** and **Chris Przybylski**, co-founders of LBC Fleet, their company that makes compliance simple and a top choice for providing transportation education.

In addition to the opportunity to take in the webinar live, all LANJ operator members were sent an email on December 22 with a link to the recording of the webinar.

Should you want to view the webinar but have not retained that email, you may request the link now by contacting LANJ's executive director at [natricia.nelson103@gmail.com](mailto:natricia.nelson103@gmail.com)

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Also, if you have questions about the new requirements, you are welcome to visit the LBC Fleet website [LBCfleet.com](http://LBCfleet.com) and/or contact the webinar speakers directly at [joe@LBCfleet.com](mailto:joe@LBCfleet.com) and [chris@LBCfleet.com](mailto:chris@LBCfleet.com) or 480.779.4342.

## Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!



To all Limousine Association of New Jersey operator, affiliate and supplier members from the LANJ board of directors and executive director:

Best wishes for a happy, safe and prosperous 2022!

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