

News Bulletin: AOBRD to ELD – The Facts

On December 16, 2019, the use of Automatic On-Board Recording Devices or AOBRDs will no longer be allowed under Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations. Motor carriers currently utilizing an AOBRD, must install an Electronic Logging Device to their power unit before December 16, 2019.

There are some key requirements and resources that might assist you in making the transition from AOBRDs to ELDs. The Agency encourages motor carriers to be proactive, inform yourself, and maintain compliance.

ELD Final Rule: On December 16, 2015, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published in the Federal Register the Final Rule requiring the mandatory use of an electronic logging device (ELD) by drivers currently required to prepare hours-of-service (HOS) records of duty status (RODs).

Exemptions: There are two exemptions within the Final Rule:

1. Driveaway & towaway operations are not required to use an ELD, provided the vehicle driven is part of the shipment.
2. ELDs are not required on CMVs older than model year (MY) 2000.

Penalty: All motor carriers that do not utilize ELDs after the respective compliance dates, will be placed out-of-service (OOS). There will be no “checkbox” on the FMCSA website to ensure compliance, it is a standard requirement of doing business, like insurance.

Action: As ELDs must be installed on the engine, the Agency recommends acting immediately to purchase your ELD and schedule its installation.

Resources for Motor Carriers Using AOBRDs:

- [FMCSA: Tips for Choosing a Compliant ELD](#)
- [Omnitracs ELD Preparedness Checklist](#)
- [Omnitracs AOBRDs vs. ELDs Infographic](#)
- [EROAD: Planning your move from AOBRD to ELD](#)
- [Verizon Resource](#)

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