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Updates to PTDI Entry Level Training Standards Released

Changes to the standards ensure certified courses exceed US federal regulations.

Aurora, Colorado – January 14, 2019 – The PTDI Board of Directors recently approved revisions to its Entry Level Driver Training Standards. Updates were made to the skills, curriculum and certification sections to ensure PTDI certified courses exceed U.S. government regulations effective in February, 2020. PTDI’s standards continue to provide the depth and detail schools use to confidently deliver high quality training for entry level truck drivers.

PTDI regularly reviews the standards to update terminology, reflect trends and changes in the industry as well as current best practices. Since regulators have regarded PTDI as the “Gold Standard” for Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) training, only a small number of changes were necessary to confirm clarity and a “worry-free” framework for course compliance.

- Streamlined application and certification process
- Logical sequence of Knowledge/Theory and Skills curriculum (instructional content and delivery)
- Cross-reference guide between PTDI and ELDT instructional units to clearly identify the link between Knowledge/Theory and Skills requirements
- Simplified training hours requirement by eliminating reference to “50 minute hours”
- Adopted similar terminology as the ELDT regulation to eliminate ambiguity (as needed)
- Included specific references to FMCSR’s (where appropriate)
- Clarity around distance learning practices and certifiable training time
- Fine tuning of the required skills for new drivers

PTDI standards exceed U.S. government regulations in multiple areas including: ethics, marketing and advertising, instructor qualifications, measurable curricular skills and objectives, lesson plans, operational policies and procedures, assessing program effectiveness, evidence of proficiency and minimum “Behind-The-Wheel” training time. PTDI’s industry leading standards offer increased consistency for student success.

Information about PTDI Entry Level Driver Training Standards is found at: <http://ptdi.org/Standards>.

PTDI guidebook to the new U.S. entry level training regulations: <http://ptdi.org/Materials>

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PTDI is a nonprofit organization established for developing uniform entry-level truck driver training and motor carrier driver finishing standards. Widely known as the gold standard for driver training best practices, PTDI helps organizations fully prepare their drivers for the responsibility of operating a heavy vehicle on our roadways. Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, PTDI Certified training courses can be found throughout North America.