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## **Driver Finishing Standards Offer Training Enhancements**

*PTDI's "blueprint for excellence" is a framework for high quality solo driver training.*

**Aurora, Colorado – January 29, 2019** – Hot on the heels of PTDI's entry level driver training standards and certification updates comes the release of the Driver Finishing framework. The newest edition of the Driver Finishing standards is a result of collaboration among truck driving industry stakeholders and a beta test with truck driving companies. Data and information gathered from the process resulted in a streamlined set of standards which offer a "blueprint for excellence" that trucking companies large and small can customize to meet their specific training needs.

In addition to the standards, PTDI offers Driver Finishing Certification. The standards provide an operational framework or blueprint with a defined set of skills driver-trainees must master to reach the first seat as solo drivers. The certification process, however, is third party verification that the company has implemented, follows and delivers on the PTDI standards.

The benchmarks of certification are based on the skill standards plus specific needs of trucking companies. A key component of the certification process requires companies create and maintain a DF Profile to validate their program meets PTDI standards. For truckload carriers, LTL or private fleets, certification provides a significant opportunity to improve the quality of their training programs and driver safety.

The Driver Finishing standards and certification boast potential for quality improvements, cost efficiencies and another key benefit: mitigating risk. As operational scrutiny and litigation continue to rise, offering a certified Driver Finishing Program demonstrates the company has made a deliberate effort to deliver safe and professional drivers. PTDI's Driver Finishing blueprint uses industry vetted standards and benchmarks and certified programs have access to the most current version.

For companies wanting to develop a Driver Finishing program or for those who already have an established program ready to be certified, PTDI offers customizable options. Companies can apply for the certification package or purchase the standards separately. Contact PTDI for more information or go to [www.PTDI.org](http://www.PTDI.org) and select Driver Finishing from the certification menu.

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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.*