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## **PTDI Introduces New Certification Profile**

*System helps truck driver training organizations meet new Federal regulations*

**Denver, Colorado – September 18, 2018** – The Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI) has introduced a new system to help entry level truck driver training programs earn and maintain certification. The Certification Profile supports school efforts to meet incoming Federal regulations which require minimum training standards.

The PTDI Certification Profile is the next step for programs to demonstrate they are distinguished leaders in entry level truck driver training excellence. Recently approved by the PTDI Board of Directors and Certification Commission, the new system offers clarity and simplicity to significantly improve the certification process.

The new system integrates multiple areas of school operations. This provides a straightforward approach to understanding certification requirements and for demonstrating how a program meets PTDI standards. New and existing certified courses will use the Profile as a permanent and ongoing record of their course. Coupled with virtual site visits, the pathway to starting and renewing certification is more efficient and cost effective.

The intuitive and dynamic structure of this new platform leads courses through the certification process. The system is web-based and entirely online to align with the FMCSA's incoming Training Provider Registry. With an updated user-friendly format, collecting crucial data such as course hours, instructor qualifications, and school policies is more effective. Annual reporting is less time consuming for schools while still ensuring courses meet the gold standard of truck driver training that PTDI is known for.

All organizations that provide entry level truck driver training are required to meet the upcoming ELDT regulations. The PTDI Certification Profile offers a process for truck driver training programs to address the new minimum requirements. Certification distinguishes a training course, showing they exceed the government's minimums.

Learn more about PTDI Certification at [www.PTDI.org](http://www.PTDI.org). Information about the Certification Profile can be found at [www.PTDI.org/CertProfile](http://www.PTDI.org/CertProfile).

#### Highlights of the Certification Profile:

- The Certification process has been updated and reporting replaced with the new Cert Profile
- More efficient pathway for getting and keeping certification
- Prepares you for the FMCSA's upcoming Training Provider Registry
- Online, web-based platform simplifies documentation of course operations
- Intuitive profile format builds reports for you
- Access and save course information in one consolidated place
- Update at any time
- Official PTDI templates support proper record keeping at the school
- Fewer document uploads (keep records at your school)
- Virtual site visits reduce time and cost

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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.*