

# New Laws for Hauling Horses

## CDL's, CMV's, ELD's and other confusing acronyms

**CMV** = commercial motor vehicle

**CDL** = commercial drivers license

**ELD** = electronic logging device

### So how does this affect me?

*You need an ELD if your trailer is a CMV!*

What does an ELD do?

Automatically records the number of hours a driver spends behind the wheel

### Is my horse truck/trailer a CMV?

YES, if your vehicle has a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 lbs

YES, if you haul someone else's horse in your trailer and accept money to offset the costs

YES, if you haul a horse to show with the intent to win prize money

YES, if you are a professional trainer and use your truck and trailer for business purposes

YES, if you write off your truck and trailer as a business expense

### Do I need a CDL to haul my horses?

YES, if a combination of your vehicles is a GCWR of over 26,000 lbs, and the GVWR of your trailer being towed is over 10,000 lbs

YES, if you haul any single vehicle with a GVWR over 26,000 lbs

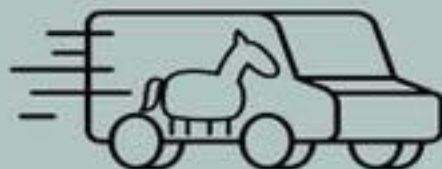
NO, if your truck weighs 11,000 lbs & your horse trailer has a GVWR of less than 15,000 lbs, you do NOT need a CDL

### So are there situations when I don't need an ELD?

*Even if you have a CMV...*

- YES, if you are not driving more than 11 hours
- YES, if you, the driver, take 10 consecutive hours off between shifts
- YES, if you start and return your drive to the same location within 12 hours-time
- YES, if you drive within a 100 air-mile radius (as the crow flies) from the normal starting work location

### THE BOTTOM LINE



In general, these rules do not apply to the occasional short-haul transportation of horses, provided it is not for compensation or commercial purposes.

Basically, if you are hauling for recreational purposes or not showing for prize money, you are exempt from the ELD mandate.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[CLICK HERE](#) for the American Horse Council Brochure on ELDs

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full rule: PART 390—FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS; GENERAL

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