

Policy & Employer Field Validation Rules

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Please note: This document version was issued on 10th August 2026 and will be superseded by live technical specifications hosted on the ELD Developer Portal from 24th August 2026.

Policy-level fields

Field	Requirement	Validation rules
policyNumber	Mandatory	No leading/trailing whitespace; max 75 chars
supplementaryPolicyReference	Optional	No leading/trailing whitespace; max 75 chars
coverStartDate	Mandatory	Valid ISO 8601 date; must be after 1900-01-01
coverEndDate	Mandatory	Valid ISO 8601 date; after 1900-01-01; must be after coverStartDate
policyholderName	Mandatory	Max 250 chars
firstClaimSettlementDate	Optional	Valid ISO 8601 date. If present: coverStartDate must be before the ELD go-live date (2011-04-01) – pre-ELD policies only; and the value itself must be on/after 2011-04-01
originalInsurerName	Mandatory	Max 100 chars
insurerRef	Optional	Max 100 chars
employers	Mandatory	At least one employer required

Employer-level fields

Field	Requirement	Validation rules
name	Mandatory	Max 250 chars
erns	Optional	Each element must match ERN pattern: <code>^[0-9]{3}/[A-Za-z0-9]{1,10}\$</code> (case-insensitive)
crn	Optional	Must match CRN pattern: 2-letter prefix + 6 digits, or 6–8 digits
singleLineAddress	Conditional	Exactly one of singleLineAddress / multilineAddress must be present
multilineAddress	Conditional	Exactly one of singleLineAddress / multilineAddress must be present
multilineAddress.addressLine1	Optional	Max 200 chars
multilineAddress.addressLine2	Optional	Max 300 chars
multilineAddress.cityTown	Optional	Max 100 chars
multilineAddress.county	Optional	Max 50 chars
multilineAddress.country	Optional	Max 100 chars
multilineAddress.postCode	Optional	Max 20 chars; must match UK postcode pattern if present
adjustedCoverStartDate	Optional	Valid ISO 8601 date; after 1900-01-01; must be after the policy's coverStartDate; must be before adjustedCoverEndDate if that's also set
adjustedCoverEndDate	Optional	Valid ISO 8601 date; must be before the policy's coverEndDate