

# Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE

FMCSA Clearinghouse Overview for Commercial Drivers: No Change to Drug and Alcohol Testing for Employees. Changes Only to Reporting and Only for CDL Holders.

*The FMCSA Clearinghouse is a secure, online database that contains real-time information about CDL drivers with drug or alcohol program violations in accordance with regulations (specifically: 49 CFR Part 382). An act of Congress directed the Secretary of Transportation to create the Clearinghouse. This new regulation affects employees that perform safety sensitive functions, as defined by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).*

**Employers are required to query the Clearinghouse each time they hire a new driver AND every year for their existing drivers**

- Full query: releases any information in the Clearinghouse about a driver to the employer
- Limited query: tells an employer whether there is any information about a driver in the Clearinghouse but does not release that information
- **Drivers must provide consent for queries**
  - **Full query consent: can only be provided by logging into the Clearinghouse and providing consent through the Clearinghouse**
  - **Limited query consent: provided outside the Clearinghouse directly to employers**

**The Clearinghouse will contain records of drug and alcohol violations as required by regulations. This includes:**

- Positive drug or alcohol test results
- Test refusals
- Completion of the return-to-duty (RTD) process

**Drivers are encouraged to Register with the Clearinghouse**

- To register, visit [clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- Information there can explain the steps for registering with the Clearinghouse
- Drivers that apply for new jobs will be required to provide register with the Clearinghouse

**Drivers will be notified anytime information about him/her is:**

- Added to, revised, or removed from the Clearinghouse
- Released to an employer, including the reason it was released
- Drivers can select their SAPs via the Clearinghouse

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