

Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

Handout

Overview

Beginning January 6, 2020, a storehouse created by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) will collect information on drivers' DOT drug and alcohol violations occurring under a motor carrier's testing program.

Employers and service providers are called upon to report DOT drug and alcohol testing program violations to the CDL Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). Motor carriers, medical review officers, third-party administrators, and substance abuse professionals must provide information when a driver:

- Tests positive for drugs or alcohol;
- Refuses drug and alcohol testing; and
- Undergoes the return-to-duty drug and alcohol rehabilitation process.

The following records will be collected and maintained in the Clearinghouse:

- A verified positive, adulterated, or substituted drug test result;
- An alcohol confirmation test with a concentration of 0.04 or higher;
- A refusal to submit to any test required by Subpart C of Part 382;
- An employer's report of actual knowledge, as defined at §382.107, including:
 - On duty alcohol use pursuant to §382.205;
 - Pre-duty alcohol use pursuant to §382.207;
 - Alcohol use following an accident pursuant to §382.209; and
 - Controlled substance use pursuant to §382.213;
- A substance abuse professional report of the successful completion of the return-to-duty process; and
- An employer's report of completion of follow-up testing.

The Clearinghouse will aid the company in learning of a driver's need to start or continue with the necessary steps in the DOT return-to-duty process (i.e., Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) program) in order to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV).



Employer Inquiries

FMCSA requires motor carrier employers to:

- Query the system for information on driver applicants, and
- Search the database annually for current employees.

Before a motor carrier may gain access to the information in the Clearinghouse, the driver must grant consent. Failure to provide consent prevents the motor carrier from using the CDL driver in a safety-sensitive function.

A driver can review his or her report at no cost by registering with the Clearinghouse.

This is to certify that I have been provided information required by §382.601(b)(12).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

