

RECORD



The FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse is a secure online database that gives employers, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), state driver's licensing agencies and state law enforcement personnel real-time information about CDL driver drug and alcohol program violations, including:

- Positive results and refusals
- Actual knowledge of violations
- Post-accident violations
- Driver progress through return-to-duty (RTD) process

IMPLEMENTATION BEGAN ON JANUARY 6, 2020. ENSURE YOU ARE READY.

- Go to <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov>
- Create your user account for free
- Visit the Clearinghouse Learning Center

DRIVERS WITH A CDL OR CLP ARE COVERED BY THE CLEARINGHOUSE AND CAN USE IT TO:

- Provide electronic consent to release information
- Review their own Clearinghouse record
- Initiate the process to revise or remove incorrect information
- Receive notification when entries are made or data is requested
- Identify a substance-abuse professional to report on RTD activities

EMPLOYERS CAN USE THE CLEARINGHOUSE TO:

- Conduct queries on applicants and existing CDL drivers
- Report drug and alcohol violations
- Submit verification of RTD progress

CONSENT



- All queries require driver consent
- Drivers **MUST** authorize motor carriers to access their data
- Drivers **CANNOT** perform a safety-sensitive function if they refuse authorization

QUERY



THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF QUERIES:

- Limited query
 - Annual check on currently employed driver
 - Periodic check on driver
- Full query
 - Pre-employment check on prospective driver
 - Limited query returned records found for queried driver
 - Periodic check on driver

SAFETY



THE FMCSA CLEARINGHOUSE WAS CREATED TO IMPROVE HIGHWAY SAFETY. HOW WILL IT DO THAT?

- It makes it more difficult for drivers to hide positive results, refusals or other prohibited actions
- It overcomes flaws in the previous employer check process, such as:
 - Drivers not reporting a past employer
 - Past employer refusing to answer
 - Past employer no longer in existence

The FMCSA Clearinghouse tracks drug and alcohol violations on a federal basis. This makes it easier for employers and law enforcement to monitor these violations.