

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

# DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE

Registration and  
Requirements

FOR CDL DRIVERS

- ✓ Record
- ✓ Consent
- ✓ Query
- ✓ Safety



# What is the FMCSA Commercial Driver's License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse?

A secure, online database that gives employers and other authorized users real-time information about commercial driver's license (CDL) and commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders' drug and alcohol program violations, thus improving safety on our Nation's roadways.

## Which drivers are covered by the Clearinghouse?

Any driver who holds a CDL (referred to as a CDL driver) and meets the requirements of the CDL standards (49 CFR Part 383) and the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Testing Program (Part 382). References to CDL drivers also include CLP drivers.



## Are you a self-employed driver?

**You may be subject to employer Clearinghouse requirements.**

If you operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) for your own company and operate under your own authority (referred to as an owner-operator, often a single-driver operation), you are also subject to the Clearinghouse requirements for employers, and should register in the Clearinghouse as an employer. When asked, you should indicate in your registration that you are an owner-operator. Once registered, you can add a driver role by entering and verifying your CDL information.

### **LEARN MORE:**

Visit FMCSA's Learning Center for resources about the Clearinghouse, including step-by-step instructions on how to register, respond to query consent requests, and more.

<https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/learn>



## How do CDL drivers use the Clearinghouse?

**Registered CDL drivers can take the following actions in the Clearinghouse:**

- **Provide electronic consent** to release detailed drug and/or alcohol violation information in your Clearinghouse record to a current or prospective employer (when an employer conducts a full query).
- **Review** drug and alcohol program violations, if any, in your own Clearinghouse record and initiate the process to revise or remove incorrectly entered information.
- **Identify a substance abuse professional (SAP)** to report on return-to-duty (RTD) activities, if you have an unresolved drug and alcohol program violation in your Clearinghouse record.

Note: To complete these actions in the Clearinghouse, registered drivers must enter and verify their current CDL information.

## Questions?

Visit [clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Contact](https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Contact)

## Why register?

Employers of CDL drivers must query the Clearinghouse to verify that a current or prospective driver is not prohibited from operating CMVs or performing other safety-sensitive functions due to an unresolved drug and alcohol program violation.

### **This means that:**

- If you apply for a job to perform a safety-sensitive function, such as operate a CMV, the employer is required to send you a consent request to conduct a full query. This full query allows the employer to view any violation information in your Clearinghouse record.
- If you are currently employed, your employer may request your consent to conduct a full query to view your Clearinghouse record at any time.
- **Failing to consent to a query will result in a driver being prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions for the employer conducting the query.**

Be ready to respond to employer consent requests. Register and verify your CDL information today.



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