
The Clearinghouse is a database that will contain information about violations of the U.S. Department of Transportation's controlled substances drug and alcohol testing program for CDL holders.

The Clearinghouse Rule requires FMCSA regulated employers, medical review officers, substance abuse professionals, third-party administrators, and other service agents to report to the Clearinghouse information related to violations of the drug and alcohol regulations.

Why is this important for your municipality?

Steps must be implemented to ensure that your municipality is compliant with this new mandate. Both your municipality and your CDL/DOT drivers under the FMCSA guidelines will need to take immediate action. This does not impact Non-CDL/DOT employees.

The Clearinghouse will also enable employers to identify drivers who commit a drug and alcohol program violation while working for one employer, but who fail to subsequently inform another employer.

Failure to register your municipality or CDL/DOT drivers in the Clearinghouse will mean your municipality is out of compliance with the federal mandate and is subject to penalties.

The Clearinghouse will also require the following.

- **Employers** will be required to query the Clearinghouse for current and prospective employees’ drug and alcohol violations before permitting those employees to operate a CMV on public roads.
• **Employers** will be required to annually query the Clearing-house for each driver they currently employ.

• **A driver** must register in the Clearinghouse to provide consent to release detailed drug and alcohol program violation information to a current or prospective employer. There is no cost to the driver to register.

• **A driver** must also be registered to view the information in his or her own Clearinghouse record. This will include all pre-employment queries beginning Jan. 6, 2020.

**Learn more about your role in this process.**

For more information on the Clearinghouse, visit [https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov](https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov).

A list of frequently asked questions can be found [here](https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov).

Be sure to contact your municipality's CDL program provider for more information.

If you would like to learn more about PSAB's CDL/DOT and Non-CDL/Non-DOT Municipal Drug and Alcohol Testing Program, [click here](https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov).

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