

Get Ready For: The Commercial Driver's License Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse

What Is It?

An electronic database containing **drug and alcohol** violations, where employers will report violations and check that no current or prospective employee is prohibited from operating a CMV due to an unresolved drug and alcohol program violation.

Do Employers Have to Use It?

Yes, employers must check as part of any pre-employment screening, and at least annually after an employee is hired.

When Will It Go Into Effect?

2019

1. FALL 2019: YOU CAN REGISTER FOR ACCESS

Users can set up an account that will allow access to the Clearinghouse once it's operational on January 6, 2020.

2020

2. JANUARY 6, 2020: CLEARINGHOUSE USE IS MANDATORY WITH MANUAL CHECKS

Employers are required to:

- Use the Clearinghouse to report and check information about driver drug and alcohol program violations as of January
- Conduct manual checks with previous employers for the preceding three years

2023

3. JANUARY 6, 2023: CLEARINGHOUSE USE ONLY

Employers are no longer required to conduct manual checks with previous employers and will solely use the Clearinghouse.

What Information Will Be Included in the Clearinghouse?

- Records of violations of drug and alcohol prohibitions in [49 CFR part 382, subpart B](#), including positive drug or alcohol test results and test refusals
- Records of a driver with a drug and alcohol program violation completing the required Return-To-Duty (RTD) process.

Who Is Required to Use the Clearinghouse?

All CDL drivers who operate CMVs on public roads, and their employers and service agents. This includes:

- Interstate and intrastate motor carriers, including passenger carriers
- School bus drivers
- Construction equipment operators
- Limousine drivers
- And **others**

Where Can I Find the Final Rule?

You can find the [Clearinghouse final rule](#), published December 5, 2016, on the [Federal Register website](#), and resources including a timeline on the [FMCSA website](#).

Sources

<https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/>
https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Documents/Clearinghouse_Factsheet.pdf
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/05/2016-27398/commercial-drivers-license-drug-and-alcohol-clearinghouse>

Survey results from 247 small to medium sized U.S.-based businesses using FleetLocate by Spireon. Survey conducted in March 2018.

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