

FMCSA CLEARINGHOUSE

What Owner-operators and Employers Need to Know



How to use the Clearinghouse

The FMCSA Clearinghouse is a secure online database to track drug and alcohol violations of CDL drivers. Employers can check if a potential or current driver has any drug or alcohol violations. This is called a Query. The driver must give consent for the Employer to run a query.

Employers can also report in the Clearinghouse any drug or alcohol violations of their drivers, including any refusal to test.

CDL drivers must register as a driver in the Clearinghouse. Once registered, FMCSA will be able to send the driver notifications of any query request from Employers. Drivers will then have to approve the query.

Owner-operators must register as an Employer and Owner-operator in the Clearinghouse before they can use the database. Query plans must be purchased before running a query.

For more information, visit: www.clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov

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Employers must run a FULL query on new hires.

Employers must run a LIMITED OR FULL query yearly on existing drivers.

Owner-operators must run a yearly query on themselves.