



## ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO FMCSA CLEARINGHOUSE: WHAT TRUCKING COMPANIES MUST KNOW



The FMCSA Clearinghouse is a database that shows, in real time, CDL drivers' drug and alcohol testing violations. Its purpose is to prevent drivers with violations from switching jobs without being detected.

### Main Employer Responsibilities:

- **Register in the Clearinghouse:** This is mandatory in order to access and enter information.
- **Pre-employment query:** Before hiring, you must check whether the driver has any pending violations.
- **Annual query:** Each year, you must run a query for every active driver.
- **Report violations:** Positive results, refusals, or any violation must be reported within 3 business days.

- **Driver consent:** You must obtain the driver's authorization for queries (limited or full). Keep all consent forms.
- **Maintain records:** You must keep all queries, reports, and consents for at least 3 years.

### Why it matters:

Complying with the Clearinghouse keeps your operations safe and helps prevent drivers with active substance issues from operating a commercial vehicle.

Non-compliance can lead to fines and jeopardize your operating authority.

### Key fact:

There are over 200,000 drivers in the U.S. who are forbidden to drive. You could have one in your fleet without knowing it.



### Conclusion:

The Clearinghouse is essential for operating safely and legally. If you need help registering, running queries, or getting compliant with DOT requirements, we're here to guide you.



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# DOT DRUG TEST PANEL: WHAT DRIVERS MUST KNOW — AND WHAT CAN GET YOU BANNED FROM DRIVING

If you're a CDL driver, the DOT drug test checks 5 drug groups that can instantly end your driving career:

- ✓ Marijuana (THC)
- ✓ Cocaine
- ✓ Amphetamines (Adderall, Vyvanse, Methamphetamine, MDMA, MDA)
- ✓ Opioids (Codeine, Morphine, Heroin, Hydrocodone, Oxycodone, Oxymorphone, Hydromorphone, Fentanyl, Methadone)
- ✓ PCP

***Any positive = violation, reported to the FMCSA Clearinghouse, and you are forbidden to drive until completing the DOT Return-to-Duty process.***



**Other substances that can trigger a positive test or disqualify you:**

- Pain meds: Tramadol, Demerol, Dilaudid
- Anxiety meds: Xanax, Valium, Klonopin (may mark you "Not Qualified" during DOT physical)
- Sleeping pills: Ambien, Lunesta
- ADHD meds: Adderall, Vyvanse (high-risk without proper documentation)
- Weight-loss pills: Many contain amphetamine derivatives
- CBD products: Often contaminated with THC
- Marijuana edibles: Gummies, brownies, vapes.
- Coca tea / herbal products from Latin America: High risk of cocaine metabolites

If you tested positive, we can help you complete the full DOT Return-to-Duty process — evaluation, education, follow-up plan, and everything required to get you back on the road legally.

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## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY LAW FOR TRUCK DRIVERS — ENFORCED SINCE JANUARY 2024

The DOT's English requirement has been fully enforced since January 2024. Every CDL driver must understand English to read signs, speak with officers, and follow safety instructions. If they can't, they are NOT qualified to drive under federal law.

For trucking companies, hiring drivers with weak English is a major liability: roadside violations, failed audits, delivery delays, fines, higher insurance costs, and even loss of operating authority. One unqualified driver can put your entire company at risk.

DOT is cracking down. Officers are checking harder than ever. Still waiting to learn English? Still hoping it fixes itself? It won't. You need to act NOW.



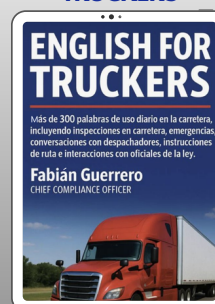
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