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What Drivers Need to Know About the...

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## ...FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse

### What is the Clearinghouse?

Established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse ("Clearinghouse") is a secure online database providing real-time information about Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) holders' violations of Drug and Alcohol (D&A) prohibitions in 49 CFR Part 382, Subpart B. Registration opens **October 2019**, mandatory use begins **January 6, 2020**.

### How will CDL drivers use the Clearinghouse?

Beginning **January 6, 2020**, registered CDL drivers can use the Clearinghouse to:

- **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** your own Clearinghouse record and initiate the process to revise or remove incorrectly entered information.
- **If you've had a violation, identify a substance abuse professional (SAP)** to report on return-to-duty activities, if you have an unresolved D&A program violation in your Clearinghouse record.

## Drivers: Register by January 6, 2020

Record  Consent  Query  Safety

**October 2019**



#### Registration Opens

- Create your user account
- Visit the Clearinghouse Learning Center

**January 6, 2020**



#### Implementation Date

- Mandatory reporting begins

### Why register this fall?

Beginning January 6, 2020, employers of CDL drivers must query the Clearinghouse to verify that a current or prospective driver is not prohibited from operating Commercial Motor Vehicles or performing other safety-sensitive functions due to an unresolved D&A program violation.

**Register early to ensure you are ready on January 6, 2020.** You will need to be registered to view your own Clearinghouse record electronically, or to provide electronic consent for a current or prospective employer to conduct a full query (including a pre-employment query) in the Clearinghouse. Failing to consent to a query will result in a driver being prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions. Accordingly if you fail to register, you may not be offered employment and if employed, you may be laid off.

### Who's affected?

Motor carriers ("employers"), Drivers (CDL and CLP holders), Substance Abuse Professionals (SAPs), Medical Review Officers (MROs), Consortium/Third Party Administrators (C/TPAs), and State Driver Licensing Agencies.

### Why is the Clearinghouse important?

It ensures that drivers who have D&A testing violations complete the necessary steps before performing any safety-sensitive functions, thereby enhancing safety on our nation's roadways.

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