

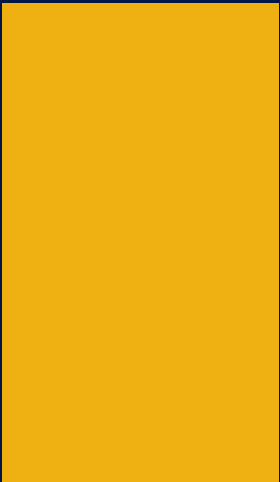


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FMCSA Regulations / Policy Update



Technical Corrections Throughout the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR)

Effective July 21, 2026



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FMCSRS – Technical Corrections

Final rule went into effect **July 21, 2026**.

How does FMCSA Define Gross Vehicle Weight Rating?

Old Definition:

G.V.W.R: Means the value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.

New Definition:

G.V.W.R: Means the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.

NOTE: Because the manufacturer determines a vehicle's G.V.W.R., the weight rating does not change regardless of the actual weight of a vehicle at any given time.

FMCSRS – Technical Corrections

49 CFR Section 396.3(b) – Inspection, Repair and Maintenance

Removal of the requirement to maintain TIRE SIZE as part of identification of a vehicle as part of the required records.

Vehicle Identifications still required include:

- Company Number (If marked)
- Make, Model, Serial Number, Year
- If the motor vehicle is not owned by motor carrier, the record shall identify the name of the person furnishing the vehicle.

NOTE: These corrections did not modify your requirement to maintain a record of tests conducted on pushout windows, emergency doors, and emergency door marking lights on buses.



Additional Relevant FMCSA Final Rules



FMCSA – 2025 – 0109

Parts & Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Spare Fuses

Spare Fuses no longer required in CMVs

This final rule removed the requirement under 49 CFR 393.95(b) that each commercial motor vehicle (CMV) be equipped with at least one spare fuse for each type and size of fuse needed for the operation of the CMV.



FMCSA – 2025 – 0115

Driver Vehicle Inspection Reports; Electronic

Electronic Driver Vehicle Inspection Reports (DVIRs) are allowed

This final rule amended 49 CFR 396.11 and 396.13 to clarify electronic driver vehicle inspection reports are an acceptable document type.

Note: This clarification does not prevent any motor carrier from continuing to use paper DVIR documents.



FMCSA – 2025 – 0114

Electronic Logging Device; Operator's Manual

Copy of ELD operator's manual NOT required to be kept in a CMV

Drivers are required to understand how their ELD works.

Therefore, this final rule removed the requirement under 49 CFR 395.22(h)(1) that each commercial motor vehicle (CMV) be equipped with a copy of the electronic logging device operator's manual.



FMCSA - DACH Driver's Return-to-Duty Process



A CDL Driver's Return-to-Duty (RTD) Process

DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE

The Return-to-Duty Process
and the Clearinghouse



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Employers, or their designated consortia/third-party administrators (C/TPAs), and substance abuse professionals (SAPs) must now report select parts of the return-to-duty (RTD) process in the Clearinghouse, within specific time frames. This reported information will update the driver's view of their RTD status (see right).

RETURN-TO-DUTY STATUS



Violation Reported

Date: 1/28/2020



You are **prohibited** from operating a CMV ⓘ

1

SAP Request
Sent
Not yet Completed

2

SAP Designated
Not yet Completed

3

Initial SAP Assessment
Not yet Completed

4

Determined Eligible for
RTD Testing
Not yet Completed

5

RTD Test with Negative
Result
Not yet Completed

6

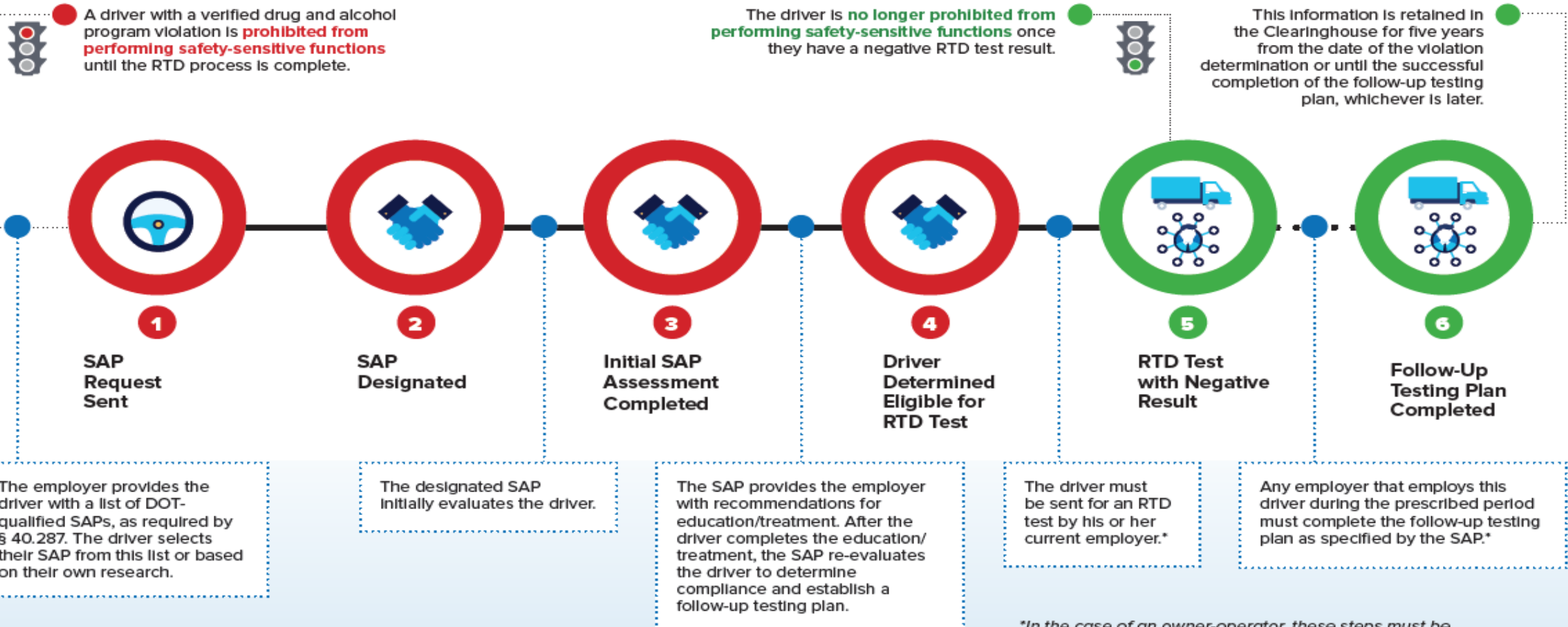
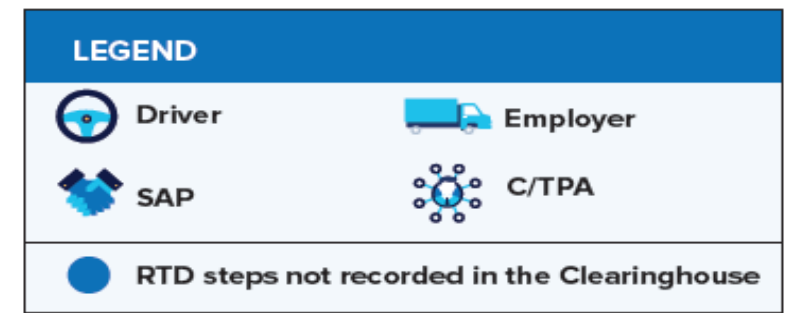
Follow-Up
Testing Plan
Not yet Completed



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How does the Clearinghouse fit into the RTD process?

The return-to-duty (RTD) process outlined in Part 40 Subpart O has not changed. The graphic below illustrates how the reporting requirements detailed in § 382.705 fit into this process.



**In the case of an owner-operator, these steps must be completed by a designated C/TPA.*

Which Types of RTD Information are Employers Responsible for Reporting?

Both employers and substance abuse professionals (SAPs) are required to report information about a CDL driver's RTD process in the Clearinghouse, per § [382.705](#). The table below identifies who is responsible for reporting specific information to the Clearinghouse throughout the RTD process. [Learn more about the RTD process.](#)

Responsible Reporting Entity	RTD Information Reported to the Clearinghouse	Timeframe for Reporting
Designated SAP	Date of initial SAP assessment	SAPs must report the date of completion of an initial SAP assessment and the date of determination of eligibility for RTD testing by the close of the business day following the assessment or determination.
	Date the driver is determined eligible for RTD testing	
Employer of CDL Driver	Negative RTD test result(s)	Employers must report RTD information by the close of the third business day following the date on which the employer obtained the information.
	The date the driver's follow-up testing plan is successfully completed	

Fraudulent SAPs Claiming False Clearinghouse Violations

FMCSA has identified scammers who contact CDL Employers to obtain personal information under the guise of a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP) attempting to resolve an unknown open violation.

PII Information includes:

- CDL number and State
 - Driver's Date of Birth
 - Driver's Social Security Number
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Fraud Alerts

These scammers threaten to enter fraudulent controlled substances and alcohol program violations unless the CDL holder provides payment to the scammer.

Contact the FMCSA DACH Clearinghouse Team - <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/contact>



FMCSA - MOTUS



MCS-150 Update Requirement Pause

Temporary Suspension of the Biennial Update Requirement



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[Registration Forms](#)



[Need USDOT #?](#)

FMCSA continues supporting the transition to Motus: the USDOT Registration System, launched on May 19. To help reduce disruptions during this transition period, FMCSA has temporarily suspended enforcement of biennial updates and the inactivation of USDOT Numbers for entities that have not completed the required biennial update.

Registrants whose biennial update was due on or after June 1, 2026 will receive additional time to complete any required biennial updates and will not have their USDOT Number inactivated for failing to submit a biennial update. We will share additional guidance as Motus recovery and stabilization efforts continue.

Other inquiries or ANY issue that needs immediate attention regarding FMCSA Registration or the CMV Industry in general, please call the FMCSA Registration Customer Service Center: 1-800-832-5660, or contact them via the webform: <https://ask.fmcsa.dot.gov/app/ticket>. They have the resources you need for your FMCSA Registration inquiry. Concomitantly, see table below to guide you in using the FMCSA Customer Service tools.



FILE A MOTUS IT TICKET



Talk to Us: 1-800-8325660 (M-F 8AM-11PM EST/ Sat 9M-4PM EST)



Send Us a Ticket

Contact FMCSA

Visit our [FMCSA Registration Forms](#) page to find the latest version of the available forms, timeframes, and other useful information.

Other ways to get help: [Chat](#) with us or visit our [FAQs](#) page.

Other Points of Contact:

- FMCSA Field Office: For assistance with interpreting what USDOT regulations mean for you and your company (Hours of Service, Safety Audit, Compliance Review) , please contact the [FMCSA Field Office](#) near you.
- Electronic Logging Device (ELD) customer support: Visit <https://eld.fmcsa.dot.gov/> or e-mail ELD@dot.gov
- Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) customer support: Visit <https://plan.ucr.gov/>, e-mail helpdesk@ucr.gov or call 1-833-UCR-PLAN
- Other topics not listed on our site: Visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/contact-us> to find the right FMCSA contact that best addresses your needs

Email Address *

First Name *



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Will I Lose Access to my FMCSA Portal Account?

NO – Only the account user's registration information /options have migrated to the Motus: USDOT Registration System.

The screenshot displays the FMCSA Portal interface. At the top, it says "U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration FMCSA Portal". Below this is a navigation bar with links: HOME, REPORTS, ENFORCEMENT VIEW, FEEDBACK. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- AVAILABLE FMCSA SYSTEMS:** A list of systems to select from: MCMIS, CSA Prioritization Preview, NCCOB, EMIS, A&I (NAS), and Safety Planner. A "Go" button is next to the list.
- ALERTS:** A section with an "Alert List" and a message: "You must update your 'DBA' name for your USDOT number registration information and / or your Operating Authority registration information so that your 'DBA' name matches in both systems. You must update your 'physical' address for your USDOT number registration information and / or your Operating Authority registration information so that your address matches in both systems."
- CORRESPONDENCE:** A section with "From Date:" and "To Date:" fields, a "Search" button, and a message: "This list does not include letters generated today."
- BROADCAST MESSAGES:** A section with a message: "No records found."
- COMPANY INFORMATION:** A section with a "USDOT Registration" tab and a "General" sub-tab. It contains fields for: USDOT#, EIN, SSN, DUNS, Entity Type, Legal Name, DBA Name, Email, Company Address, Company Phone, Contact Cell Phone, and Company Fax.
- PUBLIC LINKS:** A section with a "Quick Browse" list: LAI, NCCOB, NCMRR, NRCME, Protect Your Move, and SAFER. It also has a "Url:" field and a "Go" button.
- COMPANY ACTIVITY:** A section with a "Summary" tab and a "Crash List" tab. It also has an "Inspection List" tab. The "Inspection List" tab is selected, showing a table with columns: View, Status, Report #, Date, and Driver. The table contains 6 rows of inspection data. Below the table, it says "Inspections Found: 6" and "NOTE: If your search results have exceeded 1,000 records, please use 'View Full Report'".

Users still have access to Company Activity Including:

- Crash List
- Inspection List

FMCSA Passenger Carrier Division Safety Activities Update



FMCSA COMPLAINT CENTER

Help make America's roadways safer by reporting unsafe or unfair practices related to large trucks and buses.

Want To File a Complaint?

Complaints can be filed against:

- Moving Companies and Brokers
- Truck and Bus Companies
- Drug and Alcohol Service Agents (SA)
- Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Providers
- Property Brokers
- Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Providers
- Hazardous Material Transportation
- Cargo Tank Facility
- Intermodal Equipment Provider (IEP)
- Motorist Safety
- Registration Related Misrepresentation and Identity Theft

[File A Complaint >](#)

[No Title]



Learn About Eligible Complaints

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Learn How To File a Complaint

[Learn More](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

[Learn More](#)

Fraudulent Motorcoach Leasing Agreements



Passenger Carrier Lease Agreements

49 CFR 390.401 allows for the lease and interchange of passenger carrying commercial motor vehicles.

FMCSA has seen an increase in the number of fraudulent passenger carrier lease agreements claiming a Mexico domiciled commercial motorcoach has engaged in a written lease agreement with a U.S. domiciled commercial passenger carrier.

The majority of U.S. domiciled carriers were unaware their name and U.S.DOT number were fraudulently used to as part of a leasing agreement scam.



Passenger Carrier Lease Agreements

How do I protect my business?

Review your roadside inspection history regularly.

Know the indicators:

- **Emails and calls asking about trips outside of your service area.**
 - **Complaints from individuals requesting refunds for trips you did not provide.**
 - **Calls from unknown maintenance facilities requesting authorization to work on a motorcoach in their shop.**
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The use of a specific fraudulent lease agreement is typically short lived but may be recycled for future use.



Passenger Carrier Lease Agreements

Search your roadside Crash and Inspection history:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
FMCSA Portal

Welcome [User Name] | Log Out | Change Password | Forgot Password | Help

HOME | REPORTS | ENFORCEMENT VIEW | FEEDBACK

AVAILABLE FMCSA SYSTEMS

Please select FMCSA System:

- MCMIS
- CSA Prioritization Preview
- NCCOB
- EMIS
- A&I (NAS)
- Safety Planner

ALERTS

Alert List

You must update your 'DBA' name for your USDOT number registration information and / or your Operating Authority registration information so that your 'DBA' name matches in both systems.

You must update your 'physical' address for your USDOT number registration information and / or your Operating Authority registration information so that your address matches in both systems.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Date: [Date]
To Date: [Date]
Search

This list does not include letters generated today.

View | Correspondence | Date Sent

BROADCAST MESSAGES

No records found.

COMPANY INFORMATION

USDOT Registration

General | Ops | Equip | Driver | Officials

USDOT#: [Field]
EIN: [Field]
SSN: [Field]
DUNS: [Field]
Entity Type: [Field]
Legal Name: [Field]
DBA Name: [Field]
Email: [Field]
Company Address: [Field]
Company Phone: [Field]
Contact Cell Phone: [Field]
Company Fax: [Field]

PUBLIC LINKS

Quick Browse:

- L&I
- NCCOB
- NHMRR
- NRCME
- Protect Your Move
- SAFER

Url: [Field]
Go

COMPANY ACTIVITY

Summary
Crash List
Inspection List

Inspection List

LAST WEEK | View Full Report
All States | Search

View	Status	Report #	Date	Driver
			10/09/2026	
			10/06/2026	
			10/13/2026	
			10/08/2026	
			10/08/2026	
			10/10/2026	

Inspections Found: 6
NOTE: If your search results have exceeded 1,000 records, please use "View Full Report"

IEP Inspection List
Review List
Cases Closed with Enforcement List

Users still have access to Company Activity Including:

- Crash List
- Inspection List

Passenger Carrier Lease Agreements

Search your roadside Crash and Inspection history:

COMPANY ACTIVITY

- ▶ Summary
- ▶ Crash List
- ▼ Inspection List

Inspection List

LAST 24 HOURS ▼ [View Full Report](#)

All States ▼ ?

Select Full Report

Select: From Date To Date

Inspection List for USDOT #:

Date Type: ☐ FMCSA Post Date ☒ Inspection Date

From Date: To Date:

First Name: CDL#:

Last Name: CDL State:

Violation:

State:

Year	2024	2025	2026
FMCSA Post Date			
Inspection Level			
# OOS Viol			
Driver			
VIN			

<https://complaint.fmcsa.dot.gov>



FMCSA Recommends- Pre-Trip Passenger Safety Briefings

Information provided in voluntary pre-trip safety briefings to passengers can save lives.

Pre-trip passenger safety briefings provide an opportunity to remind passengers to fasten their seatbelts and to highlight the location and instructions for operation of emergency exits.

Please encourage your drivers to conduct pre-trip passenger safety briefings.



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