

FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse – Operational Guide

Purpose of the Clearinghouse

The FMCSA Clearinghouse is a secure federal database that records CDL driver drug and alcohol program violations. Employers are required to query the database for pre-employment and annual compliance checks.

Collector Impact on Reporting

Improper documentation or procedural errors can affect employer reporting accuracy. A properly conducted collection supports employer compliance obligations under FMCSA regulations.

Return-to-Duty Process

Drivers with violations must complete evaluation with a Substance Abuse Professional (SAP), testing protocols, and follow-up testing plans before reinstatement.

Official Clearinghouse Access

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