



Inspection Bulletin

North American Standard Inspection Program

2020-02 – Roadside Examination of Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Status

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Summary

This Inspection Bulletin provides directions to enforcement personnel on verifying a driver’s status based on data from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration’s (FMCSA) Commercial Driver’s License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse. This bulletin is for enforcement personnel who stop drivers with a commercial driver’s license (CDL) or a commercial learner’s permit (CLP) for a driver/vehicle examination (roadside inspection). It only applies to CDL or CLP holders.

Background

On Dec. 5, 2016, FMCSA published its Commercial Driver’s License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse final rule. As of Jan. 6, 2020, employers, or their designated representatives, and medical review officers, are required to report information about drug and alcohol program violations to the clearinghouse. Drivers with a drug or alcohol program violation are not permitted to perform safety-sensitive functions, including driving a commercial motor vehicle, until they have successfully completed the substance abuse professional (SAP) evaluation, referral and education treatment process set forth in 49 CFR Part 40, Subpart O, and have a negative return-to-duty test.

Inspection Guidance

Roadside personnel must verify a driver’s status based on the clearinghouse data. Roadside personnel may access Query Central (QC) at the driver level by entering the driver’s CDL information. QC will check the driver’s eligibility status and return the results in the box on the upper right, as seen below.

The screenshot shows the 'DRIVER SUMMARY' page from the Query Central system. It includes sections for Driver Identification, License Summary, and Medical Certification. A red box highlights the 'Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Status' section, which states: 'Driver is prohibited from operating under 49 CFR § 382.501(a)'.

Driver Identification	
Driver Name:	[REDACTED]
Address:	[REDACTED]
CDL#:	[REDACTED]
SSN:	[REDACTED]
St/Prov:	IN
DOB:	[REDACTED]

License Summary	
Commercial Status:	Licensed
Class:	A
Non-Commercial Status:	Licensed
Class:	D
Expires:	6/18/2026
Restrictions:	Corrective Lenses must be worn
Endorsements:	No Endorsements Listed
Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Status	
Driver is prohibited from operating under 49 CFR § 382.501(a)	

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Alias	SUFFIX	Birth Date	License	State
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	GA
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	IN

Medical Certification							
Issue Date	Expiration Date	SPT Issue	SPT Expiration	Med WE Issue	Med WE Expiration	Status Code	Self Certification
10/28/2018	10/28/2019					Certified	Non-excepted Interstate

Medical Certificate Restrictions	
Restriction	
Corrective Lenses	

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Alternatively, roadside personnel may access the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) gateway (cdlis.dot.gov) at the driver level. The inspector will enter the driver's CDL information and the results will reflect the driver's eligibility status under the history search results, as shown below.

CDLIS.DOT.GOV

Home User Manager Batch Queue Upload Batch Contact

History Search Results
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/MX/DF113016 20191101172230185A86A705

Driver General Information

First Name	Last Name
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

BFC	Birth Date	Height	Weight	Eye Color	Sex
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	505	179	N/A	M

Mailing Address

Street	City	County	State	Zip	Country
Ava PASO DEL REY 53	D.F.	LA MEXICANA	DF	1280	MEX

Driver License Details

Jurisdiction	Driver License	Issue Date	Exp. Date	Commercial Class	Non-Commercial Class	Commercial Status	Non-Commercial Status	Withdrawal Action Pending
MX	DF113016	2011-12-17	2014-12-17	A	N/A	Not Eligible	N/A	No

Endorsements

Value
Double/Triples
Tank
Combination of tank vehicle and hazardous materials

Medical Certification

Issue Date	Expiration Date	Status Code	Self-Certification
2013-01-19	2015-01-19	Certified	Non-accepted Interstate

Convictions #	Accidents #	Withdrawals #	Permits #	License Restrictions #
43	0	12	0	0

Convictions

History Search Results
 Driver is prohibited from operating under 382.501(a) – Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

A driver found to be operating in a prohibited status should be cited for a violation of 49 CFR Part 390.3 – Prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions per 382.501(a) in the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.

Prior to April 1, 2020, if a driver is found to be operating in a prohibited status, the inspector should cite a violation under 49 CFR Part 390.3 and forward a copy of the inspection report to their local FMCSA office for follow-up action.

On and after April 1, 2020, this violation will be an out-of-service condition in the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Alliance North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria and the driver will be placed out of service if found in a prohibited status.

For further information, contact FMCSA at clearinghouse@dot.gov.