

**DRUG & ALCOHOL
CLEARINGHOUSE
CONSENT FOR LIMITED QUERIES**



NOTICE TO DRIVER: The Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse is a federal database containing information about CDL drivers who have violated the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA's) drug or alcohol regulations in 49 CFR Part 382. Whether you have committed such a violation or not, each motor carrier for whom you drive is required to check whether the Clearinghouse has any information about you, both at the time of hire and annually. When conducting an annual inquiry, the motor carrier has the option to request a "limited" report that *only* indicates whether the Clearinghouse has any information about you; it does not release any violation or testing information. Before a motor carrier may request a limited report, they must have your written authorization, per §382.70(b). This authorization may be valid for more than one year. If a limited query ever reveals that the Clearinghouse has information about you, you will be required to log in to the Clearinghouse website within 24 hours to grant electronic consent for the motor carrier to obtain your full Clearinghouse record.

NOTICE TO MOTOR CARRIER: This consent form authorizes you to run a "limited query" to check whether the Clearinghouse has information about the driver identified below. If it does, then you must obtain a full Clearinghouse record within 24 hours, per §382.70(b). This consent form must be retained until 3 years after the date of the last limited query you perform for this driver, based on the authorization below.

AUTHORIZATION

I, _____, hereby authorize
(Driver's Printed Name)

_____ to conduct limited annual
(Name of Motor Carrier)

queries of the FMCSA's Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse, to determine if a Clearinghouse record exists for me. This consent is valid from the date shown below until my employment with the above-named motor carrier ceases or until I am no longer subject to the drug and alcohol testing rules in 49 CFR Part 382 for the above-named motor carrier.

I understand that if any limited query reveals that the Clearinghouse contains information about me, I must grant electronic consent within 24 hours, via the Clearinghouse website, for the motor carrier to obtain my full Clearinghouse record. Refusal to provide such consent will result in my removal from safety-sensitive duties.

Driver's Signature: _____

ID Number: _____

Date: _____

Attention CDL Drivers

The DOT Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse arrives January 6, 2020.

What is it? An online database providing employers, licensing agencies, and enforcement officers with real-time information about truck and bus drivers who have violated DOT drug or alcohol testing rules. Employers must check the Clearinghouse when hiring each new CDL driver and *every year* for existing CDL drivers like you. **The Clearinghouse will affect you in several ways:**

- 1** You will need to register on the Clearinghouse website (available Fall 2019) in order to comply with item #2 below. Registration is optional unless you switch employers or have a DOT drug or alcohol violation. Registration will give you free access to your own Clearinghouse record.

clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov

- 2** You will need to go to the Clearinghouse to grant electronic consent whenever your employer is required to purchase a full Clearinghouse report on you. You will not be allowed to continue operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) or perform other safety-sensitive duties if you refuse to grant this consent (§382.703(c)).

- 3** You will need to sign a separate consent form (annually or one-time) to allow your employer to obtain "limited" Clearinghouse reports that indicate whether there is information about you in the Clearinghouse (if there is, then a full report will be required - see #2 above) (§382.701(b)).

- 4** If you commit any of the following DOT violations or complete any of the following steps after January 6, 2020, it will be reported to the Clearinghouse:

- Any verified positive, adulterated, or substituted drug test
- Any confirmed alcohol test result of 0.04 or higher
- Any refusal to submit to a DOT-required test
- Any verified and documented "actual knowledge" that you violated the drug/alcohol rules:
 - Any on-duty alcohol use, including any citation for DUI/DWI while driving a CMV
 - Any alcohol use within 4 hours before going on duty
 - Any alcohol use within 8 hours of an accident or before a post-accident test is complete (whichever occurs first)
 - Any prohibited drug use while on duty
- Successful completion of the return-to-duty process following treatment*
- Any negative return-to-duty test*
- Successful completion of follow-up testing*

**Only reported if the underlying violation occurred after January 6, 2020.*

- 5** You will be notified whenever information about you in the Clearinghouse is added, removed, or revised. You can specify how you want to be contacted when you register.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge receiving educational information about the COL Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse as required under §382.601(b)(12).

Driver's Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Driver's Signature: _____