

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE



Clearinghouse Update

NEW: Clearinghouse Registration for Student Drivers

FMCSA updated the CDL Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse registration process to clarify how student drivers with a commercial driver's license (CDL) or commercial learner's permit (CLP) should register.

The registration path student drivers select depends on their employment status:

- Student drivers who are *employed by a motor carrier* must **Register as a Driver**
- Student drivers in training programs that are *not affiliated with or operated by motor carriers* must **Register as a Student Driver**

Student drivers who are enrolled in training programs that are not affiliated with or operated by motor carriers must designate a consortium/third-party administrator (C/TPA) to fulfill their drug and alcohol testing requirements.

What is a C/TPA?

A C/TPA is a service agent that performs required actions to help keep an employer or, in this case, a student driver, compliant with the DOT/FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Testing rules and regulations. Student drivers should contact a C/TPA before designating them in the Clearinghouse to act on their behalf. A driver training school may register in the Clearinghouse as a C/TPA to conduct queries and/or report violations on behalf of the student driver.

How can a student driver register?

Download step-by-step registration instructions below:

- [How to Register as a Driver](#)
- [How to Register as a Student Driver](#)

Additional instructional guides and learning materials are available in the Clearinghouse Learning Center.

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