Update on DOT Regulations/Implementations

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NEW REGULATORY CHANGES
SUMMARY: FMCSA is amending its December 8, 2016, final rule, "Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators" (ELDT final rule), by extending the compliance date for the rule from February 7, 2020, to February 7, 2022. This action will provide FMCSA additional time to complete development of the Training Provider Registry (TPR).
The TPR will allow training providers to self-certify that they meet the training requirements and will provide the electronic interface that will receive and store entry-level driver training (ELDT) certification information from training providers and transmit that information to the State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs).
DRUG AND ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE
WHAT TYPES OF DRIVERS AND EMPLOYERS WILL THE CLEARINGHOUSE AFFECT?
• All CDL drivers who operate CMVs on public roads and their employers and service agents. This includes, but is not limited to:

✓ Interstate and intrastate motor carriers, including passenger carriers
✓ School bus drivers
✓ Construction equipment operators
✓ Limousine drivers
✓ Municipal vehicle drivers (e.g., waste management vehicles)
✓ Federal and other organizations that employ drivers subject to FMCSA drug and alcohol testing regulations (e.g., Department of Defense, municipalities, school districts)
Once a driver has registered in the Clearinghouse, he or she will be able to access his or her Clearinghouse record electronically, at no cost. This record would include any drug and alcohol program violation information available in the Clearinghouse, along with the status of their return-to-duty (RTD) process, if applicable.
The FMCSA announces that it is increasing the minimum annual percentage rate for random controlled substances testing for drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) requiring a commercial driver's license (CDL) from the current rate of 25 percent of the average number of driver positions to 50 percent of the average number of driver positions, effective in calendar year 2020.
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR POSITIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG TEST RESULTS IN TEXAS
Although the FMCSA has established a Drug and Alcohol testing result clearinghouse, a motor carrier is still required to report all positive test results to the Texas Department of Public Safety.
The report must be submitted by employers within 10 days of receiving notice of the valid positive result on an alcohol or drug test performed.
Report Submission Requirements

The report must be submitted on a form prescribed by the department that is available at the following web address: http://www.dps.texas.gov/internetforms/
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