

FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse-II Overview

What is the Clearinghouse-II regulation?

The Clearinghouse-II final rule requires State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) to remove the commercial driving privileges of drivers in a “prohibited” status in the Clearinghouse.

Who does the Clearinghouse-II impact?

Commercial drivers with a “prohibited” Clearinghouse status will lose or be denied their commercial driver’s license (CDL) or commercial learner’s permit (CLP).

When will the Clearinghouse-II go into effect?

The Clearinghouse-II rule will go into effect on November 18, 2024; however, SDLAs with the proper legislative authority may remove commercial driving privileges from “prohibited” drivers before this date.

How do I prepare for the Clearinghouse-II?

Employers of commercial drivers should query the Clearinghouse to ensure drivers are not “prohibited.” If “prohibited” drivers are found, they must complete the return-to-duty (RTD) process as soon as possible.

What is the return-to-duty (RTD) process?

The DOT requires commercial drivers to complete a multi-step RTD process after committing a drug or alcohol violation before resuming safety-sensitive duties. [Click here to learn more about the RTD process.](#)

There are over 235,000 prohibited drivers in the Clearinghouse.

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