

Final Rule for Amendment to 40.67 Goes into Effect August 31, 2009

This amendment restores the requirement for direct observation collections on all return-to-duty and follow-up tests that was supposed to go into effect last August. The original rule was suspended before it went into effect because of a court challenge. If you have drivers that are doing follow-up testing, please let them know about the new requirement when you send them for their next test after August 30th.

- Claire Andersen

CDL Drivers vs. non-CDL Drivers: Do they all need a driver's log?

The Department of Transportation mandates that that anyone who operates a commercial motor vehicle must prepare a daily record of duty status. This means either the driver must prepare a traditional driver's daily log, or a daily record of the hours worked such as a time card. The driver does not have to prepare a traditional daily driver's log provided he meets the 100 / 150 air-mile radius exceptions; however the driver still needs a daily time record. Regardless of where the driver operates a vehicle or how often he drives, a detailed daily record of hours worked must be retained for 6 months by the employer.



A CDL driver is exempt from preparing a traditional driver's log provided he operates within 100 air-miles of his work reporting location and follows other strict guidelines. A non-CDL driver is exempt from preparing a log provided he operates within 150 air-miles of his work reporting location. All the specific guidelines on the particulars regarding these requirements are outlined in part 395 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. The most important thing to remember is this: Every person who drives a commercial vehicle must have a time record. Including part time and intermittent drivers; such as mechanics, supervisors, office personnel and even the owner of the company - if operating a commercial vehicle.

Failure to retain proper time records can and will lead to high fines by the DOT, as well as possible shutdowns during a roadside inspection.

For additional guidance on this rule, please contact your Fleet Safety representative.

-Clay Eppard

Hazardous Materials License Endorsement Renewals Update:

For Massachusetts residents, the EMSI site (fingerprints) located on 70 James Street in Worcester, MA has moved to:

EMSI 40 Spruce Street, Leominster, MA
MON-THURS 9:00am - 4:00pm
FRIDAY 9:00am - 3:00pm
SAT. By appointment ONLY
CALL (978) 466-1200

The EMSI in Woburn, MA remains at 800 W. Cummings Park - Suite 5225.
MON-FRI - 8:30am- 4:15pm
SAT.- SUN. CLOSED
Telephone # (781) 376-1806.

A reminder that an electronic hazmat threat assessment application for the required background check must be completed PRIOR to getting your fingerprints done at either of the above sites. Call the Transportation Security Administration call center telephone # at (877) 429-7746 and follow the prompts. The TSA web site: www.tsa.gov.

From "43 Weird Things Said in Job Interviews"

Hiring manager: "Do you have any questions?"

Applicant: "If I get an offer, how long do I have before I have to take the drug test?"
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