

Drug and Alcohol Testing for CDL Drivers.

In compliance with 49 CFR 382, all drivers of commercial motor vehicles of the following types (primarily requiring commercial drivers licenses, CDLs) must be enrolled in a random drug and alcohol testing program set up in compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 40.

A vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) as assigned by the manufacturer of 26,001 or more pounds;

A combination vehicle having a gross combination weight rating (GCVWR) of 26,001 or more pounds, inclusive of a towed vehicle having a weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds;

A vehicle designed to carry 16 or more passengers, including the driver;

A vehicle, regardless of size or rating, that carries hazardous materials in a quantity that requires placarding.

The random draws for testing must be done by scientific methods - computer-generated or done using a random table of numbers. You cannot draw names/numbers out of a hat or choose round-robin style. Random drawing means every driver has an equal chance of being selected at any draw. (Names/numbers go back into the pot after each draw.)

Notification of drivers that they need to report for testing must be done according to DOT guidelines so that there is insufficient time to rid the system of illicit substances and to ensure that alcohol testing is done immediately prior to, during or immediately upon completion of a safety sensitive function.

Specimen collection must be done according to strict DOT guidelines to ensure the samples are not illegally adulterated or substituted.

Specimens must be analyzed by a DOT recognized and authorized laboratory.

Positive test results must be handled according to DOT protocol, including involvement of medical review officers and substance abuse professionals.

Other testing and procedural requirements apply and should be explained by your program administrator.