Guidance on When to Conduct Clearinghouse Queries

## Q&A

When must current and prospective employers conduct a query of a CDL driver’s information in the Clearinghouse?

## Guidance:

An employer must conduct a pre-employment query for a prospective employee in the Clearinghouse prior to hiring the employee for a position requiring him or her to perform safety-sensitive functions, such as operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). See 49 CFR 382.701(a). The employer must also query the Clearinghouse annually for all currently employed CDL drivers. See 49 CFR 382.701(b).