

Partnering to Make a Safety Impact

WHAT IS PRISM?

FMCSA's Performance Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) improves highway safety by partnering with States to create a safety mechanism to identify and immobilize motor carriers that are prohibited from operating by FMCSA due to a Federal Out-of-Service (OOS) Order.

PRISM enforces a safety standard to incentivize motor carriers that are prohibited from operating by FMCSA to correct their safety deficiencies to continue operating, or face State registration and law enforcement sanctions.

States that fully participate in PRISM compared to non-fully participating States have

20.4%
Observable reduction in all CMV crashes

9.8%
Observable reduction in fatalities involving all CMV crashes

6.9%
Reduction in State-registered CMVs being placed OOS roadside for operating while under Federal OOS order

130
Lives saved annually

Data from PRISM Effectiveness Evaluation Report, February 2016

WHAT ARE THE LEVELS OF PRISM PARTICIPATION?

▲ Expanded PRISM

The State is participating at the Enhanced Participation level, with the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) registration agency (non-IRP) applying PRISM requirements 1 through 6 to motor carriers operating interstate that have gross vehicle weights (GVW) between 10,001 and 26,000 pounds.

▲ Enhanced Participation

The State meets the six requirements for Full Participation, plus six additional requirements for motor carriers operating CMVs in commerce that have a GVW of 26,001 pounds or more.

▲ Full Participation (Mandatory)

The State meets the six requirements to fully participate in the PRISM program. Full Participation is defined as when a State's IRP or CMV registration agency suspends or revokes active registrations and denies new registration requests if the motor carrier responsible for safety of the vehicle is under any Federal Out-of-Service (OOS) Order; and denies registration if the motor carrier possesses an inactive or deactivated USDOT Number. Full Participation applies to motor carriers operating CMVs in commerce that have a GVW of 26,001 pounds or more.

▲ Partial Participation

The State has implemented some requirements, but does not yet meet the six requirements to fully participate in PRISM.

WHY MUST STATES PARTICIPATE IN PRISM?

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act made participation in PRISM a requirement of the Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP). MCSAP grant recipients must "fully participate" in PRISM no later than October 1, 2020, to remain eligible for funding.