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**Question:** What are the categories of supporting documents?

**Guidance:** Supporting documents required in the normal course of business are important to verify a driver’s records of duty status (RODS). They consist of 5 categories, described in 49 CFR [395.11(c)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-395/subpart-A/section-395.11#p-395.11(c)):

* Bills of lading, itineraries, schedules, or equivalent documents that indicate the origin and destination of each trip;
* Dispatch records, trip records, or equivalent documents;
* Expense receipts related to any on-duty not-driving time;
* Electronic mobile communication records, reflecting communications transmitted through a fleet management system; and
* Payroll records, settlement sheets, or equivalent documents that indicate what and how a driver was paid.

If a driver keeps paper RODS under §  [395.8(a)(1)(iii)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-395/subpart-A/section-395.8#p-395.8(a)(1)(iii)), the carrier must also retain toll receipts. For drivers using paper RODS, toll receipts do not count toward the eight-document cap.

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