

# FMCSA Safe Driver Apprenticeship Pilot (SDAP) Program: Apprentice Drivers Fact Sheet

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is conducting a three-year commercial driver apprenticeship program to implement Section 23022 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This apprenticeship will allow qualified drivers ages 18-20 with intrastate commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) to expand their careers to interstate trucking careers.

FMCSA will grant apprentice drivers approval to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce while they are under 21 years of age. During the pilot program's probationary periods, apprentice drivers will be able to operate in interstate commerce only when accompanied by a qualified, experienced driver in the passenger seat.

Being part of the program is easy, make sure you meet the requirements listed below!



## Information for Drivers

Apprentice must meet all safety criteria listed on the following page and can then directly apply to participating motor carriers (trucking company or business engaged in trucking operations) listed on the FMCSA's website at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/SDAPProgramJobs](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/SDAPProgramJobs). Once approved by a motor carrier, FMCSA will review and approve the participation of the apprentice driver within 14 days

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See following page for required  
driver qualifications





## Required Driver Qualifications

### Apprentice Driver Qualifications

#### For the 2-year period preceding the date of hire, an Apprentice driver may not have:

- Had more than one license (except for a military license);
- Had their license suspended, revoked, cancelled, or disqualified for a violation in any State;
- Had any conviction for a violation of military, State, or local motor vehicle traffic law (other than a parking violation) in connection with any traffic crash; or had any record of a crash in which they were at fault.
- Been convicted of any violation below in any type of motor vehicle:
  - Operating under the influence of alcohol;
  - Operating under the influence of a controlled substance;
  - Refusing to take an alcohol test as required by a State;
  - Leaving the scene of a crash; or
  - Using a vehicle to commit a felony.
- Been convicted of any violation below while operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV):
  - Operating with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater;
  - Driving while their CDL is revoked, suspended, or cancelled; or while disqualified from operating a CMV; or
  - Causing a fatality through negligent operation (motor vehicle manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle, or negligent homicide).
- Been convicted more than once for any violations below:
  - Driving any motor vehicle recklessly, as defined by State or local law (including driving in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property);
  - Driving a CMV without the required CDL;
  - Violating a State or local law or ordinance prohibiting texting while driving;
  - Violating a State or local law or ordinance restricting or prohibiting the use of a hand-held mobile telephone while driving.

Are you interested in expanding your career to interstate trucking and you meet the above requirements? Register for the apprenticeship program today!



To learn more and apply to participate, visit [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safedriver](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safedriver)