FMCSA Extends Compliance Date for States’ Query of the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has extended the compliance date to January 6, 2023 for states to query the Commercial Driver’s License Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse). The previous final rule required that states begin by January 6, 2020 requesting information from the Clearinghouse (“query”) about individuals before completing certain commercial driver’s license (CDL) transactions for those drivers. The states’ compliance requirement, currently due is now delayed until January 6, 2023.

The rule also allows states the option to voluntarily request Clearinghouse information beginning on January 6, 2020 and remains the deadline for all other requirements in the Clearinghouse final rule.

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