



## PROBLEM DRIVER POINTER SYSTEM (PDPS)

**Description:** The Problem Driver Pointer System (PDPS) allows SDLAs and other organizations to search the National Driver Register (NDR) data. The NDR is a repository of information on problem drivers provided by all 51 U.S. Jurisdictions and is maintained by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Based on information received as a result of an NDR search, PDPS points the inquiring Jurisdiction to the state of record (SOR) where an individual's driver status and history information is stored. Based on the information received from the SOR, the issuing state decides if the applicant is eligible to receive a new or renewed driver license.

For further information about PDPS, see <http://www.aamva.org/PDPS/>.

**Architecture:** PDPS is a distributed system composed of the 51 U.S. SDLAs' driver license systems and a Central Site that serves as an index to indicate a Jurisdiction in which an individual's DL may have been suspended. The Central Site contains the minimum driver information necessary (name, DOB, and SSN [optional]) to point the query to the Jurisdiction of record. The Jurisdiction of record contains the full driver history for each of its drivers.

**Operations:** PDPS was developed and is maintained by the NDR, which is housed within the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). AAMVA has a contract with NDR to maintain the specifications, provide network connectivity, state technical assistance, and help desk support services.

**Ownership:** SDLAs own the data at the Central Site. The NDR is the owner of PDPS.

### Authorized Users:

User	Access	Purpose
Jurisdictions	Yes	All 51 U.S. SDLAs have full access to the system and can query, add, modify, and delete PDPS Central Site information.
Federal Agencies	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NHTSA— National Highway Transportation Safety Agency</li> <li>FMCSA—Federal Motor Carrier Safety Agency</li> <li>NTSB— National Transportation Safety Board</li> <li>FRA—Federal Railroad Administration</li> <li>FAA—Federal Aviation Administration</li> <li>USCG—United States Coast Guard</li> </ul>
Third Parties	Yes	Air carrier operator's employers, motor vehicle operator's employers, and railway operator's employers have access to PDPS by direct request to a state.
Public	Yes	Individuals requesting information about themselves