New Entrant Motor Carrier Safety Audit Program



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Safety Audits are a one-time review of an interstate carrier's compliance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.



- The New Entrant Safety Audit Program was created by FMCSA in 2003 to inform carriers of FMCSR's and their requirements
- <u>385.3 states</u>: Safety Audit is an examination of a motor carrier's operations to provide educational and technical assistance on safety and the operational requirements of the FMCSRs and applicable HMRs and to gather critical safety data needed to make an assessment of the carrier's safety performance and basic safety management controls. Safety audits do not result in safety ratings.

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§ 385.305T What happens after the FMCSA receives a request for new entrant registration?

(a) The requester for new entrant registration will be directed to the FMCSA Internet Website (www.fmcsa.dot.gov) to secure and/or complete the application package online.

(b) The application package will contain the following:

(1) Educational and technical assistance material regarding the requirements of the FMCSRs and HMRs, if applicable.

(2) The Form MCS-150, The Motor Carrier Identification Report.

(3) Application forms to obtain operating authority under 49 CFR part 365, as appropriate.

(c) Upon completion of the application forms, the new entrant will be issued a USDOT number.

(d) For-hire motor carriers, unless providing transportation exempt from 49 CFR part 365 registration requirements, must also comply with the procedures established in 49 CFR part 365 to obtain operating authority before operating in interstate commerce.

When a USDOT # is obtained

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The Carrier is placed on the New Entrant Audit List

Carrier is assigned to an auditor

After the carrier is assigned to an auditor, usually 5 to 6 months after getting a USDOT number

This time period gives a carrier time to begin operations.

Off-site or On-site Audits

New Entrant Audits are either off-site (carrier sends in requested documents)

or

on-site (auditor visits the carrier's location)

<u>ON – SITE AUDITS</u>

If a Carrier is:

- 1) A passenger carrier
- 2) A household goods hauler
- 3) Carries hazardous materials that require a placard.
- 4) Is subject to expedited action roadside inspection violations or collision
- 5) Has reinstated a USDOT number after being placed out of service.

Audit completion

Audits will be completed within 12 months of the date the USDOT number was issued by FMCSA

Passenger and Expedited Action Audits

FMCSA requires that <u>Passenger Carriers'</u> and <u>Expedited Action Carriers'</u> audits will be completed within <u>4 months</u> after a USDOT number was issued or after the expedited action violation. These audits are assigned sooner than a standard audit. <u>Consequence of not</u> <u>complying with an audit</u>

Failure to respond to document requests or requests to make an audit appointment can result in a 30-day out-of-service order.

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