



EMPLOYEE EDUCATION

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DISQUALIFIED

Driver Disqualification

Each month questions arise from employers relating to a driver being disqualified for his/her driver position based on X factor. Below is a quick list of resources to use should you have a personal inquiry:

- You may e-mail your questions to the Physical Qualifications Division at fmcsamedical@dot.gov or call and ask for a Specialist on (202) 366-4001.
- Questions about the effects of many drugs and driver qualification are answered in the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) section](#).
- For information on specific drugs and CMV driver qualification, please visit the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Medical Program website](#).

Most clarification surrounds the topic of marijuana in states where the drug is recommended as medication or available recreationally. However, many individuals who recently had a change in health condition or a new medical diagnosis may have questions as well. The resources above are a great starting point to do research on any condition that may relate to you safely operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV).

It is also important for drivers to communicate with their doctors. There may be medication options available that will not limit one's ability to operate in a safe manner on the roadway. Medical Examiners performing DOT physicals are required to give careful consideration to the effects of medications on a driver's ability to operate a CMV safely before rendering the driver qualified. Open communication by the driver is critical when confronted with these situations.

DOT QUICK TIP

Random testing rates are expected to rise due to past positive testing results. Be aware of changes.

