
Motor Vehicle Division Informational Memo # 24-16

Exclusive Electronic Exchange (EEE) of CDLIS driver history record (DHR) information

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SUBJECT

This information memo informs MVD staff about a final rule published by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requiring State driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) to implement a system and practice(s) for the exclusively electronic exchange of commercial driver history record (DHR) information through the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS), including the posting of convictions, withdrawals, and disqualifications. The rule also provides that States must be in substantial compliance with this final rule by August 22, 2024.

SUMMARY

SDLAs are required to ensure that CDL and CLP holders convicted of serious traffic violations are prohibited from operating a CMV for the periods prescribed ([49 U.S.C. 31310](#)). The goal of these provisions is to improve highway safety by ensuring that drivers of large trucks and buses are qualified to operate those vehicles, and to remove unqualified drivers from public roads.

While all States currently have the technical capability to transmit DHR information through CDLIS, some SDLAs are unable to do so when the driver information (e.g., driver's CDL number, date of birth, or State of record), required for CDLIS to validate and accept the electronic record, is incorrect or missing. Under those circumstances, SDLAs have relied on alternative methods of transmission, such as the U.S. mail. After the compliance date SDLAs will no longer be able to send convictions or withdrawals through the mail but must be able to transmit exclusively through electronic means.

LINK TO FMCSA FINAL RULE <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/07/23/2021-15693/commercial-drivers-license-standards-requirements-and-penalties-exclusively-electronic-exchange-of>

CURRENT

Currently, Iowa has the technical capability to transmit DHR information through CDLIS. However, when the driver information (e.g., driver's CDL number, date of birth, or State of record) required for CDLIS to validate and accept the electronic record is incorrect or missing, Iowa relies on alternative methods of transmission, such as the U.S. mail.

NEW

As of July 1, 2024, Iowa has implemented programming and procedures for the exclusively electronic exchange of DHR information through CDLIS, including the posting of convictions, withdrawals, and disqualifications to meet the requirements of the final rule described above.

BUSINESS IMPACT

These changes do not significantly impact the way that MVD operates because we were already in substantial compliance with the EEE final rule for commercial drivers. The records team will discontinue mailing convictions or withdrawals to other states for commercial drivers and will instead be able to transmit the required information through electronic means.