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Disqualification FAQs

Do you know the facts when it comes to remaining qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)?

Question: Can my employer disqualify me?

Answer: No. Only the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the state licensing agency have the authority to disqualify drivers. Employers have the authority to remove drivers from the road for violating company policy.

Question: Can I be disqualified for texting?

Answer: Yes. Effective 10/27/10, CDL and Non-CDL drivers can be disqualified for manually entering text into, or reading text from an electronic device while operating a CMV. After two convictions you can lose your driving privileges for 60 days.

Question: Can the CSA enforcement program cost me my license?

Answer: No. Safety violations can cost you points in the CSA scoring system, which could lead to a warning or a fine, but that has nothing to do with your license.

Question: Do violations in a personal vehicle count?

Answer: Yes. For CDL drivers, violations in a personal vehicle will usually count toward disqualification. This includes speeding, DUI, DWI, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, and following too close, among others violations.

Question: Is a DUI in a personal vehicle the same as failing a DOT alcohol test?

Answer: No. For CDL holders, a DUI in a personal vehicle could result in disqualification, but it does not have the same consequences as a failed DOT test (unless you're cited while driving a CMV).

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