

# DRUG & ALCOHOL CLEARINGHOUSE

- ✔ Record
- ✔ Consent
- ✔ Query
- ✔ Safety

## QUERY PLANS

### QUERY PLAN BUNDLES

**\$1.25**  
Flat per query rate  
(limited or full)

- ✔ Flat per query rate (\$1.25), for limited and full queries
- ✔ Bundles customized to meet your business needs and never expire
- ✔ Options are available for high-volume users, see: <https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/Query/Unlimited>

*Beginning fall 2019, registered employers will log into their Clearinghouse accounts to purchase their query plan.*

*Query plans may be purchased from the FMCSA Clearinghouse only.*

Query Bundle	Plan Cost
1	\$1.25
2	\$2.50
3	\$3.75
4	\$5.00
5	\$6.25
10	\$12.50
20	\$25.00
50	\$62.50
100	\$125.00
150	\$187.50
200	\$250.00
300	\$375.00
500	\$625.00
1,000	\$1,250.00
1,500	\$1,875.00
2,000	\$2,500.00
2,500	\$3,125.00
5,000	\$6,250.00
7,500	\$9,375.00

Purchasing a query plan enables employers, and their designated consortia/third-party administrators (C/TPAs), to conduct queries on prospective and current drivers in the Clearinghouse.

### About Queries

A query is an electronic check in the Clearinghouse, conducted by an employer or their designated C/TPA, to determine if current or prospective employees are prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions, such as operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), due to unresolved drug and alcohol program violations.

**There are two types of queries:**

- **LIMITED QUERIES** check for the presence of information in the queried driver's Clearinghouse record. Driver consent is obtained outside the Clearinghouse.
- **FULL QUERIES** disclose to employers and designated C/TPAs detailed information about any resolved or unresolved violations in a driver's Clearinghouse record.

If a limited query returns a result that there is information recorded in the Clearinghouse about the queried driver, and the employer follows up with a full query to access the detailed violation information, the employer will only be charged once for both queries.

### Why do I need to purchase a query plan?

Employers are charged a fee for conducting queries in the Clearinghouse. Employers must purchase a query plan to ensure they or their designated C/TPAs can conduct queries. C/TPAs cannot purchase queries on behalf of employers.

*Note: Working with a C/TPA to manage a drug and alcohol testing program is a requirement of all owner-operators.*

#### The Clearinghouse final rule requires that employers conduct queries:

- As part of any pre-employment driver investigation.
- At least annually for every CDL driver currently employed.

#### Which query plan is right for me?

The query bundle you purchase will depend on the number of queries you will need to conduct.

#### Not sure how many queries you will need to conduct?

Select a query bundle large enough to cover the number of CDL drivers you currently employ. You can purchase additional plans as needed.

### Questions?

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