

DOT Audit Preparation Checklist

Driver Qualification Files

Driver's Application for Employment

Action Required: Ensure each driver has a complete and up-to-date application on file.

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CDL and Medical Certificates

Action Required: Verify that all CDL licenses and medical certificates are current and valid.

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Motor Vehicle Records (MVRs)

Action Required: Maintain annual MVR checks and ensure they are reviewed and signed off by a designated company official.

Hours of Service (HOS) Records

ELD Records

Action Required: Ensure ELDs are functioning correctly and drivers are trained on proper usage.

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Logbooks

Action Required: Keep six months of accurate and complete logbook records, easily accessible.

Vehicle Maintenance Records

Inspection Reports

Action Required: Ensure all vehicles have up-to-date inspection reports and that any repairs have been logged.

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Maintenance Logs

Action Required: Keep detailed records of all maintenance work, including dates, services performed, and parts replaced.

Drug and Alcohol Testing

Testing Records

Action Required: Maintain complete records of all drug and alcohol tests, including pre-employment, random, and post-accident tests.

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Consortium Membership

Action Required: Ensure membership in a drug and alcohol testing consortium if you have a small fleet.

Accident Records

Accident Register

Action Required: Keep a current accident register with details of all reportable accidents.

Accident Records

Corrective Actions

Action Required: Document corrective actions taken after an accident to improve safety.

Insurance Coverage

Insurance Certificates

Action Required: Ensure that insurance certificates are up-to-date and meet the minimum coverage requirements set by the FMCSA.

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Endorsements

Action Required: Keep records of any special endorsements required based on operations, such as hazmat.