



RANDOM TESTING RATES

The current random testing rates under FMCSA regulations are 50 percent for controlled substances and 10 percent for alcohol. This means that the number of tests to be administered each year is equal to at least 50 percent and 10 percent, respectively, of the average number of driver positions subject to these regulations. Remember, a driver is anyone who operates a CMV for you. The driver positions will include other employees in your organization who occasionally drive or drive in rare circumstances. **Please check FMCSA -DOT for current % as it is subject to change <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>**

A slightly higher percentage may have to be selected for testing to compensate for cancelled tests or drivers unavailable for during each of the four testing periods must equal or exceed 50 percent of the number of driver positions eligible to be tested (D), divided by the number of test periods per year (P). As a formula, this may be expressed as:

T = 50% x D/P
 T = Total random tests (must equal or exceed)
 D = Driver positions eligible to be tested
 P = Number of test periods per year
 Note: 10 % for alcohol

Policy Components Required by the Controlled Substances and Alcohol Rule (§382.601)
Overview (suggested but not required)
Categories of drivers subject to testing
Participation as a requirement of employment
Required hours of compliance
Prohibited behavior
Circumstances for testing
Behavior that constitutes a refusal to submit to a test
Consequences for drivers with an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04
Testing procedures
Consequences of use of controlled substances and misuse of alcohol
Identity of contact person
Effects of alcohol and controlled substances

Information provided by Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) – <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

