

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

1. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's official Website is <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>.
2. Information on the transportation of Hazardous Materials can be found at <http://hazmat.dot.gov>.
3. Carrier profiles can be obtained from <http://www.safersys.org>.
4. Safety rating, inspection, and accident summary can be obtained from <http://www.safersys.org>.
5. Registration, insurance, and fines can be paid at <http://diy.dot.gov>.
6. Statistics, analysis, and research regarding the truck and bus industry can be found at <http://ai.volpe.dot.gov>.
7. Change of name and address can be done at <http://diy.dot.gov>.
8. The "Share the Road Safely" Program can be found at <http://sharetheroadsafely.org>.
9. Information about a motor carrier, broker, or freight forwarder's application, insurance, and process agent can be found at <http://fhwa-li.volpe.dot.gov>.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
Galtier Plaza
380 Jackson Street East
St. Paul, MN 55101
(651) 291-6150

Minnesota State Patrol
1110 Centre Pointe Curve
Mendota Heights, MN 55120
(651) 405-6196

CONTACT INFORMATION TO OBTAIN REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND MANUALS

Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402
202-512-1800

JJ Keller and Associates, Inc.
3003 West Breezewood Lane
P.O. Box 368
Neenah, WI 54957
877-564-2333

LabelMaster
5724 North Pulaski Road
Chicago, IL 60646
800-621-5808

ArtCrest, Inc.
2003 Louisiana Street
Little Rock, AR 72206
501-374-6427

JackBilt Corporation
906 Central Street
Kansas City, MO 64105
816-842-5068



The New Entrant Safety Assurance Program



THE NEW ENTRANT SAFETY

ASSURANCE PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) established new requirements to improve the safety performance of new U.S. and Canadian motor carriers. The new requirements are designed to ensure the new entrant is knowledgeable about applicable federal motor carrier safety standards.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate knowledge of safety regulations through an application process and will undergo a safety audit within the first 18 months of operation before receiving permanent registration.

It is anticipated that the New Entrant Safety Assurance Program will affect approximately 40,000 carriers per year.

WHO IS SUBJECT TO THESE REQUIREMENTS?

Beginning January 1, 2003, all new motor carriers (private and for-hire) operating in interstate commerce must apply for registration (USDOT Number) as a "new entrant".

WHY WERE THESE RULES CREATED?

Congress required the FMCSA to establish minimum requirements for new motor carriers seeking federal interstate registration. These minimum requirements including having the carrier certify that it has systems in place to ensure compliance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, and a safety audit conducted within the first 18 months of the carrier's interstate operation.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE REQUIREMENTS?

The intent of the requirements is to improve the safety performance of new entrants. The FMCSA intend to improve the safety performance of new entrants by providing educational and technical assistance. The safety audit and 18-month monitoring period provide new carriers an opportunity to understand their safety obligations under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and applicable Hazardous Materials Regulations and to determine operational deficiencies. The safety audit will include a review of a new entrant's safety data, a review of requested motor carrier documents, and an interview with the motor carrier.

WHEN WILL SAFETY AUDITS BE CONDUCTED?

New entrant motor carriers can expect to start receiving safety audits 3-6 months after they are granted new entrant registration.

HOW WILL THE SAFETY AUDIT BE CONDUCTED?

The safety audit will be conducted by State or Federal personnel who are certified to do so and will consist of a review of the carrier's safety management system. The areas of review include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Driver Qualifications;
- Driver Duty Status;
- Vehicle Maintenance;
- Accident Register; and
- Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing Requirements.

WHERE WILL THESE SAFETY AUDITS BE CONDUCTED?

The safety audits will primarily be conducted at a location determined by the Division Administrator of that State. The new entrant should expect the Division Administrator to contact it regarding the location, time, and date of the New Entrant Day, which will include an Educational and Technical Assistance Seminar and the conduct of the safety audit.

HOW WILL THE FMCSA NOTIFY THE NEW ENTRANT OF ITS SAFETY AUDIT RESULTS?

FMCSA will notify the carrier in writing of the results of the safety audit within 45 days from the date it was completed.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE 18-MONTH MONITORING PERIOD?

The carrier will be notified in writing that the "new entrant" designation will be removed from its registration, if the carrier meets the following requirements:

- The new entrant has passed a safety audit, or has not been deemed "unfit" following a compliance review; and
- The new entrant does not have any outstanding civil penalties.

WHERE CAN A NEW ENTRANT GET MORE INFORMATION?

Included in this educational brochure is a list of important contact information and Websites that will assist the carrier in locating information which will be helpful for the New Entrant Safety Assurance Program.