

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

❑ What will happen if I am placed out of service?

A driver can be placed out of service for not meeting the English language proficiency. The motor carrier, however, can find a replacement driver, but the replacement driver must also meet the language proficiency in order to drive the CMV.

❑ When can I drive a truck in the United States again?

If the driver is placed out of service he or she will not be able to drive trucks in the United States until the motor carrier determines the driver can demonstrate they can understand and respond to official inquiries and directions in the English language.

❑ Will I receive a fine?

All violations discovered during roadside inspections may result in a fine. The inspector has the discretion whether or not to issue a fine to the driver or motor carrier.

❑ Will I lose my commercial driver's license?

The driver will not lose his or her commercial driver's license during the roadside inspection process.

❑ Who can I call for additional information?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has a division office in each of the four Southern Border States:

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration State	General Telephone Number
Arizona(602) 379-6851
California(916) 930-2760
New Mexico(505) 346-7858
Texas(512) 916-5440

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DID YOU KNOW....

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The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) require all drivers operating trucks in the United States to be able to read and speak the English language sufficiently to:

- Converse with the general public;
- Understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language;
- Respond to official inquiries; and
- Make entries on reports and records.

To verify English language proficiency an inspector will conduct a driver interview during the driver/vehicle inspection.

THE DRIVER INTERVIEW WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH.

If the driver is unable to **understand and respond to official inquiries and directions in English**, the driver can be placed out of service.

EXAMPLES OF GENERAL DRIVER INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- Where did you start your trip today?
- Where are you driving to today?
- What are you “hauling” today?
- Show me your driver’s license, please.
- Show me proof of insurance for your vehicles. (if applicable)
- Show me the registration for your vehicle(s).
- Do you use time cards or log books?