

Data Quality 101

FMCSA Portal: Helpful Hints

The Portal is FMCSA's secure online gateway to access FMCSA systems and data. FMCSA's Portal assists enforcement and company personnel in making data-driven safety decisions. The Portal provides access to the data that MCMIS houses, which feeds into the information in the Safety Measurement System (SMS) carrier profiles, supplies carrier histories that the SMS uses to prioritize carriers for interventions, delivers roadside inspection and authority status for carriers, and provides productivity reports for analysis. By monitoring and analyzing your State's safety data, you strengthen data quality and help FMCSA make more informed decisions that improve safety on our roads.

Where can I register for the Portal?

Visit the Portal Website at <https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov> and the log in screen will prompt you to register for an account.

What systems are available in the Portal to help me locate the information I need?

The Portal is a one-stop-shop for State safety data.

Query Central provides real-time inspection information and officer notes. You can use Query Central to generate inspection reports by U.S. DOT Number, Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), license plate number, or driver's license number. Query Central also provides links to licensing and insurance to provide details on carrier operating authority, so that you can check whether a carrier has operating authority.

Analysis & Information Online (A&I) is a resource center for analytical data, statistics, recent studies, and reports on truck and bus safety. You can use A&I to view carrier and driver safety records and inspector productivity reports. This can help you determine which carrier or driver to target for Safety Audits or compliance reviews.

Three systems within A&I help you drill down to more data to make informed safety decisions.

A&I System	Description
SMS	The SMS provides individual carrier evaluations, advanced search, and a mapping tool to prioritize carriers for investigations.
GOTHAM	Gotham supports the field, State Partners, service centers, and headquarter staff with information on FMCSA safety program goals, activities, and performance measures. Gotham provides productivity, out-of-service (OOS), inappropriate activity, and New Entrant Safety
Driver Information Resource (DIR)	The DIR provides viewing access to Driver History Reports, which include the past 3 years of inspections and 5 years of crash history.

Learn More

For more information about the Portal, visit <https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

To learn how to use the Portal to access and improve safety data, visit the Portal Training Website:
<https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/training/index.htm>.



Contact Information

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