



Louisiana Department of Public Safety
Office of Motor Vehicles
Policy 102.00 Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse

Section: 1. Driver's License Issuance

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[R.S. 32:409.1](#)

To view Louisiana Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>

General:

- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) created the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (DACH) to maintain the status of commercial driver's license (CDL) and commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders who have drug and alcohol program violations.
- The [DACH](#) portal **must** be checked anytime a CDL/CLP is processed to determine if a CDL or CLP holder is prohibited. This includes:
 - Initial issuance
 - Renewal
 - Transfer
 - Upgrade
 - Duplicate
 - Adding/Removing endorsements or restrictions
- If a CDL or CLP holder's status displays as "Prohibited", the driver cannot be issued a CDL or CLP. If the driver holds a CDL, the driver can downgrade to one of the following:
 - Chauffeur's license (Class D)
 - Operator's license (Class E)

Requirements:

- If the driver comes back "Prohibited", the driver will need to contact FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.
 - For more information about the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, refer to [DACH FAQ](#).
 - To contact FMCSA, call (202)366-4000.