



I had a citation associated with a roadside inspection violation dismissed in a judicial proceeding—can I change my safety record?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is committed to improving the quality and uniformity of the information in its data systems. Under the adjudicated citations policy, you can request that your safety record in FMCSA's data systems reflects the adjudication results for citations associated with roadside inspection violations. The process applies to inspections conducted on or after August 23, 2014. Here is why it is important to you.

Your safety record

FMCSA's Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP) provides secure, electronic access to a commercial driver's five-year crash and three-year inspection history from the Agency's Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS). Motor carriers may rely on that information to make hiring decisions, so it is up to you to make sure your safety record is complete and has the most current information possible.

Your company's safety record

Every roadside inspection counts. FMCSA's Safety Measurement System (SMS) collects data from every roadside inspection and uses that data to prioritize motor carriers with safety performance and compliance problems for interventions, such as warning letters or investigations. The SMS is a great tool for carriers, including owner-operators, and drivers to use to monitor their company's safety performance and compliance—and to identify areas in need of improvement.

The policy: The way it works

The adjudicated citations policy provides a process for drivers to request a review of the results of adjudicated citations associated with roadside inspection violations. You must submit a Request for Data Review (RDR) through FMCSA's DataQs system, along with copies of certified court documentation and the inspection details. The State will review and document the citation results for the associated violations, and those results will impact PSP and SMS as listed below.

Result of Adjudicated Citation Associated with a Violation	Record in PSP and SMS
Dismissed without a fine or not guilty	Violation removed
Conviction of a different charge	Violation indicated as conviction of a different charge; SMS severity weight reduced to 1
Conviction or dismissed with a fine	Violation retained

To request a data review:

- Visit DataQs, and register for free: <https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov/>
- File an RDR on an inspection
- Provide supporting documentation

Five million truck and bus drivers share the road with more than 250 million motorists. With stakes so high, it's essential that everyone Get Road Smart about FMCSA.

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Lives depend on it.