

Understanding CSA Scores

What is CSA?

“CSA stands for Compliance, Safety, Accountability. It is the safety compliance and enforcement program of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) that holds motor carriers and drivers accountable for their role in safety. CSA affects motor carriers, including owner-operators, by identifying those with safety problems to prioritize them for interventions such as warning letters and investigations. CSA affects drivers because their safety performance and compliance impact their safety records and, while working for a carrier, will impact their carrier’s safety record.” – U.S. Department of Transportation

CSA Score is comprised of seven categories:

1. Unsafe Driving
 - Speeding
 - Reckless driving
 - Improper lane change
 - Inattention
 - No seatbelts
2. Hours of Service (HOS) Compliance
 - Non-compliance with HOS regulations, including records of duty status
3. Driver Fitness
 - Failure to have a valid license; medically unfit to operate a CMV
4. Controlled Substances or Alcohol Violations
 - Use or possession of controlled substances/alcohol
5. Vehicle Maintenance
 - Mechanical defects: brakes, lights, etc.
 - Failure to perform required repairs
 - Improper load securement
6. HazMat Compliance
 - Shipping papers (carrier)
 - Leaking containers
 - No placards/markings when required
7. Crash Indicators
 - Histories or patterns of high crash involvement