

DataQs: Adjudicated Citations



FMCSA is committed to improving the quality and uniformity of its data. Under the adjudicated citations policy, safety record data may reflect the adjudication results for citations associated with roadside inspection violations. The adjudicated citations policy provides a process for requesting a review of the results of adjudicated citations.

Individuals may submit documentation of the results of adjudicated roadside inspection violations by submitting a Request for Data Review (RDR) in DataQs. As a result, State data can reflect the results of adjudicated citations related to roadside inspection violation data collected in the Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS), which improves the overall quality of data.

What is an adjudicated citation?

A citation that has been contested and resolved through a due process proceeding in a State, local, or administrative tribunal, regardless of how the action is resolved, whether by a judge or prosecutor or as part of a plea agreement or otherwise.

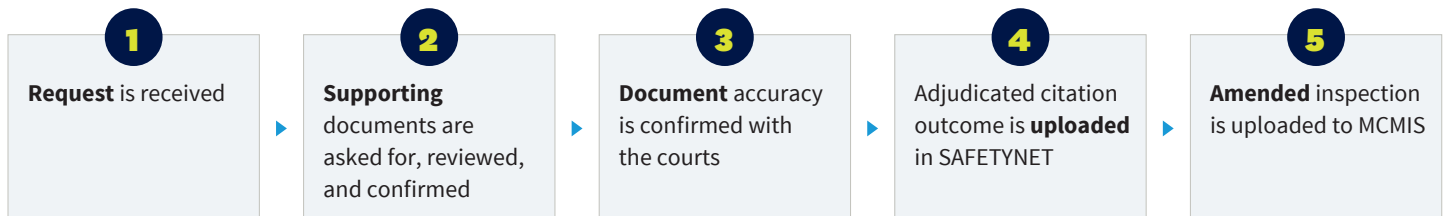
What information is collected for an adjudicated citation in DataQs?

For each adjudicated citation in DataQs, the following information is required and collected:

Report State	State from Inspection Record	Federal Violation Code from Inspection Report
Report Number	Carrier Name	Federal Violation Description
Date from Inspection Record	Carrier Country	An explanation*
Associated State Citation/Ticket	Court outcome regarding citation	

*Why the citation result should be reviewed and when applicable, the court name where the adjudication occurred.

How is an adjudicated citation RDR reviewed?



What is the impact of the appended citation result?

The list below outlines how the citation result impacts the use of the associated violation in other FMCSA data systems. While the Safety Measurement System (SMS) results and the Pre-Employment Screening Program (PSP) Report will treat and display the violations differently based on the citation result, carriers and enforcement users logging into the Portal or the SMS will be able to see all violations listed on an inspection and the associated citation result recorded.

If the violation is appended to reflect:	
3—Not guilty/dismissed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will be excluded from the SMS calculations. It will be excluded from the PSP report.
2—Convicted of a different charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The severity weight in the SMS calculations will be set to 1. It will be indicated as conviction of a different charge on the PSP report.
1—Convicted of the original charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will maintain the same severity weight in the SMS calculations. It will be included on the PSP report.
0—N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will maintain the same severity weight in the SMS calculations. It will be included in the PSP report.

How does a user close an adjudicated citation RDR in DataQs?

Scenario	DataQs' Status
Is there a documented court outcome?	Closed—Citation Results Entered
Was the violation removed due to an error?	Closed—Data Correction Made
Was the violation maintained?	Closed—No Data Correction Made
Was the outcome of the adjudicated citation invalid?	Closed—No Data Correction Made
Was a fine paid as a result of the violation?	Closed—Citation Results Entered

What is the update frequency and data retention of the various FMCSA systems?

System	Update Frequency	Inspection Data Retention
Portal/MCMIS	Daily	N/A
SMS	Monthly	2 Years
PSP	Monthly	3 Years

Note: The MCMIS data is only updated if SAFETYNET successfully uploads the data.