

What Is PRISM?

FMCSA's Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) is a Federal program partnership with FMCSA, State commercial motor vehicle (CMV) registration offices and law enforcement that improve highway safety by **identifying and immobilizing commercial motor carriers that are prohibited from operating** due to a Federal Out-of-Service (OOS) order. PRISM processes alert State systems when a CMV carrier with a Federal OOS order attempts to register or renew a vehicle registration. The State registration office can then **deny, suspend, or revoke** the CMV registration, keeping unsafe carriers off our highways. State law enforcement may also use PRISM tools to identify and immobilize OOS vehicles at roadside.

PRISM's Impact

Safety is the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) top priority.

As a DOT agency, FMCSA is committed to taking substantial comprehensive action to significantly reduce crashes, fatalities, and injuries on the Nation's roadways. PRISM plays a key role in the DOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy Safe Systems "layers of safety" approach, augmenting FMCSA's enforcement actions with those taken by State partners, and holding the CMV industry accountable for safety.

- The mandatory Full PRISM process adds the initial safety layer to the FMCSA enforcement programs, giving State partners the information they need to detect CMV carriers attempting to operate in defiance of a Federal OOS order.
- Enhanced PRISM adds a second safety layer to the process in the event a chameleon CMV carrier attempts to circumvent their Federal OOS order by registering as a new company.
- Expanded PRISM adds a third safety layer by ensuring that any lower weighted Non-IRP Interstate CMV between GVW 10,001-26,000 pounds subject to a Federal OOS order is identified and immobilized.

Learn More

Visit PRISM Online: ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/PRISM

The PRISM Data and Activity Safety Hub (DASH) is an online workspace where you can:

- Review information about PRISM Level Up
- Review FMCSA grant related information for Level Up
- Submit the PRISM Participation PPLC
- Access and submit Quarterly reports
- Query and Submit Data
- Download training and educational resources

State Partners and FMCSA Division staff require an FMCSA Portal Account to access the PRISM DASH website. You must have an FMCSA Portal Account to log in to the DASH. Ensure your FMCSA Portal Account has an active A&E Enforcement user role.

Access the FMCSA Portal at portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/login.



To view our website, please scan the code using the camera on your smartphone.

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PRISM

Performance and Registration
Information Systems Management



*Level Up to Improve
Highway Safety!*

**Increasing Road Safety by Immobilizing CMV
Carriers with Federal Out-of-Service Orders**



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

PRISM Levels

FULL PARTICIPATION (MANDATORY)

Full Participation focuses on Federal OOS orders for carriers with serious safety deficiencies that have a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001 pounds or more, and keeping them off the highway.

ENHANCED PARTICIPATION (OPTIONAL)

Enhanced Participation adds an additional safety layer to the CMV process focusing on “reincarnated carriers” who evade their Federal OOS order and attempt to register as a different company. States are encouraged to achieve Enhanced Participation by implementing the first six mandatory requirements for Full Participation, with an additional six requirements.

EXPANDED PARTICIPATION (OPTIONAL)

Expanded Participation applies the six requirements of Full Participation to lower-weighted non-IRP (International Registration Plan) interstate CMVs with a GVW of 10,001-26,000 pounds. To be eligible for Expanded PRISM, States must first reach the Enhanced PRISM level, maintain all 12 requirements addressing CMVs of 26,001 pounds or more, and apply Full PRISM requirements to non-IRP interstate lower-weighted CMVs.



Optional Upgrades for all Levels

States may increase effectiveness and safety by applying the following optional PRISM upgrades at any level of PRISM participation:

Accessing PRISM’s real-time data

PRISM Web Services (PWS) is a data transfer method available to your State that provides real-time data for registration systems.

- Information is queried by individual USDOT number and vehicle
- Federal OOS status
- Active vs. Inactive status

Retrieving Suspended License Plates

Pulling plates off suspended vehicles can ensure that vehicles with serious safety deficiencies stay off the road. Establishing a plan for retrieving plates strengthens your State’s suspension process.



Leveling Up

When a State Levels Up to a higher level of PRISM, our roadways become safer. Leveling Up with PRISM ultimately reduces crashes, fatalities, and injuries by providing States with objective, reliable, timely, and accessible safety data that addresses safety data gaps and supports data-driven safety decision-making that may save lives.

FMCSA encourages every State to achieve the highest level of Expanded PRISM participation to increase safety.

WHY LEVEL UP TO ENHANCED PRISM?

- Carriers that want to violate their Federal OOS order may try to change their credentials to “reincarnate” or re-register unnoticed.
- This challenge requires special tools. Enhanced PRISM gives your State the data to spot—and stop—reincarnated carriers.
- Leveling Up to Enhanced PRISM participation helps States flag large IRP GVW (26,001 pounds or more) carriers subject to Federal OOS orders before they can re-register as a new company.

WHY LEVEL UP TO EXPANDED PRISM?

- More delivery and smaller CMVs are on the road than before. Every year, smaller, non-IRP interstate CMVs account for 1-in-4 CMV-involved crashes (25%)—and 1-in-5 Federal OOS orders.
- Full and Enhanced PRISM only covers larger IRP vehicles of GVW of 26,001 pounds or more. To immobilize non-IRP interstate carriers with Federal OOS orders, States are encouraged to Level Up to Expanded PRISM.
- Imagine how much your State can improve safety. Or how many more crashes, fatalities, and injuries you can prevent by identifying and immobilizing these OOS lower-weighted vehicles, too! Level Up!