



DOT vs Non-DOT Determination Checklist

Please review each question below to determine if your employee(s) are subject to DOT regulations.

FMCSA (CMV – Commercial Motor Vehicle)

- ☐ A vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs or more
- ☐ A truck + trailer combination of 26,001 lbs+ (trailer over 10,000 lbs)
- ☐ A vehicle transporting 16+ passengers (including driver)
- ☐ A vehicle transporting 9–15 passengers for compensation
- ☐ A vehicle requiring hazardous material placards

If YES → FMCSA DOT testing is required

PHMSA (Pipeline / Gas Line Work)

- ☐ Operates, maintains, or repairs gas/pipeline systems
- ☐ Performs construction or excavation near gas lines
- ☐ Performs inspection, testing, or emergency response
- ☐ Contractor performing covered pipeline functions

If YES → PHMSA DOT testing is required

Non-DOT

☐ Does not meet any of the above criteria

If all NO → Non-DOT testing applies

Important Notes

- Employees may fall under multiple DOT agencies
- CDL alone does NOT require DOT testing
- Pipeline workers may be DOT-regulated without driving a CMV

Contact P Group, LLC for assistance with compliance.