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Update on New Hours of Service Rules - MONTHLY TRAINING TOPIC	

The Hours-of-Service regulations (49 CFR Part 395) put limits in place for when and how long commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers may drive. These regulations are based on an exhaustive scientific review and are designed to ensure truck drivers get the necessary rest to perform safe operations.

The regulations are designed to continue the downward trend in truck fatalities and maintain motor carrier operational efficiencies. Although the HOS regulations are found in Part 395 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, many States have identical or similar regulations for intrastate traffic.



Who must comply with the Hours-of-Service Regulations?

Most drivers must follow the HOS Regulations if they drive a commercial motor vehicle.

Summary of the Hours-of-Service Regulations

The FMCSA has currently published a final rule for the new Hours-of-Service Rules that will go into effect on **February 27, 2012**, with the **compliance date** of **July 1, 2013** for selected provisions.

The table below summarizes the differences between the current HOS Rule and the new HOS Final Rule:

PROVISION	CURRENT RULE	FINAL RULE – COMPLIANCE DATE JULY 1, 2013
Limitations on minimum "34-hour restarts"	None	(1) Must include two periods between 1 a.m. - 5 a.m. home terminal time. (2) May only be used once per week.
Rest breaks	None except as limited by other rule provisions	May drive only if 8 hours or less have passed since end of driver's last off-duty period of at least 30 minutes. [HM 397.5 mandatory "in attendance" time may be included in break if no other duties performed]
PROVISION	CURRENT RULE	FINAL RULE – COMPLIANCE DATE FEBRUARY 27, 2012
On-duty time	Includes any time in CMV except sleeper-berth.	Does not include any time resting in a <u>parked</u> CMV.
Penalties	"Egregious" hours of service violations not specifically defined.	Driving (or allowing a driver to drive) 3 or more hours beyond the driving-time limit may be considered an egregious violation and subject to the maximum civil penalties.