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2011 DOT Drug & Alcohol Random Testing Rates

The Office of Drug and Alcohol Policy and Compliance (“ODAPC”) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (“DOT”) and the United States Coast Guard (“USCG”) released the minimum random drug- and alcohol-testing rates for calendar year 2011.

These random testing rates are determined by each agency’s administrator after reviewing data gathered by the DOT related to testing during prior years. Across the board, testing rates for both drug- and alcohol-testing rates remain unchanged from calendar year 2010.

DOT Agency	Random Drug Testing Rate	Random Alcohol Testing Rate
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	25%	10%
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)	50%	10%
Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	25%	10%
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	25%	10%
Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)	25%	N/A
United States Coast Guard (USCG) <i>(now with the Dept. of Homeland Security)</i>	50%	N/A

NOTE: Employers (and C/TPAs) subject to more than one DOT Agency drug and alcohol testing rule may continue to combine covered employees into a single random selection pool. However, companies (and C/TPAs) doing so must test at or above the highest minimum annual random testing rates established by the DOT Agencies under whose jurisdiction they fall. For example, an employer having both FMCSA- and FRA-covered employees in one pool must test, as a minimum rate, 50% for drugs and 10% for alcohol. *PHMSA- and USCG-regulated employees should not to be placed in DOT random alcohol testing pools.*

(Please note that USCG covered employees may be combined with DOT covered employees in drug testing pools even though the USCG is now part of the Department of Homeland Security.)

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