

What is a New Entrant Safety Audit?

The New Entrant Safety Audit is the first audit of a company who is newly registered with USDOT. This audit is required to be conducted within the first 18 months after the issuance date of the USDOT number, but usually falls within the first 8 to 12 months.

This is a critical audit and should not be taken lightly. It is a PASS/FAIL audit, and failure will likely result in a DISCONTINUE OPERATIONS order.

This audit covers 16 specific points of compliance, most of which focus on **Hours of Service** regulations and **DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing** regulations. Automatic failure of the audit will result if only one violation is discovered in any of 14 of the 16 points. The remaining 2 points will also cause automatic failure of the audit if there is discovered to be greater than a 51% violation rate among the sampled records in either of these 2 points.

Here is the [list of the 16 specific points](#) which comprise this audit.

