**Part 5 – Vehicle Maintenance & Inspection**

1. Motor Carriers operating CMV’s over 10,001lbs or greater in interstate commerce must comply with Part 396 vehicle maintenance requirements to include annual DOT periodic inspection requirements.
   1. True
   2. False

Answer: **(a) True** Operations in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise in a vehicle with a GVWR, GVW, Gross Combination Weight (trailer attached), or actual weight over 10,001lbs must comply with vehicle maintenance provisions and have each vehicle inspected. All vehicles in that combination will require the annual DOT inspection proof.

1. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations require a motor carrier to systematically inspect, repair, and maintain, or cause to be systematically inspected, repaired, and maintained, all motor vehicles subject to its control.
   1. True
   2. False

Answer: **(a)** True – Carriers must have a maintenance program for each vehicle subject to their control.

1. A driver of a carrier operating more than one power unit must complete a daily vehicle inspection report (DVIR) at the **completion** of each day's work on each vehicle operated **if** the driver observes or is made known of a vehicle defect.
   1. True
   2. False

Answer: **(a) True** a change occurred in 2014 to eliminate the need to complete a DVIR when NO defects were observed or reported to the driver. This was an effort to reduce the paperwork burden to motor carriers.

1. A DOT roadside inspection report that lists vehicle defects would trigger the need for a DVIR on that date the report was received?
   1. True
   2. False

Answer: **(a) True -** This is not just a “prompt” to be sure the driver completes a DVIR it’s also an FMCSA audit point. DVIR’s are required to maintained for 90 days during an audit the investigator will look for a DVIR where thier records show roadside defects.

1. If a defect is reported by a driver the following must occur:
   1. The reporting driver must sign the DVIR.
   2. Prior to permitting a driver to operate the vehicle, the carrier shall repair any defect/deficiency listed on the driver vehicle inspection report and certify they were repaired/corrected.
   3. The next driver must sign the DVIR acknowledging their review and that the DVIR confirms the repairs were conducted.
   4. All the above

Answer: **(d)** The DVIR when required has three “reviews” required prior to reoperation. The driver signs to report the violation, the carrier signs/certifies defects were repaired, and the next driver signs the DVIR ensuring the repairs were made prior to operation.

1. The roadside inspection form issued by a DOT authorized agency must be retained at the motor carrier's principal place of business or where the vehicle is housed for \_\_\_ monthsfrom the date of the inspection.
   1. 24
   2. 18
   3. 12
   4. 6

Answer: **(c)** – 12 months from the date of the inspection. The original copy is also the best resource for inspection information if any data quality reviews are being considered.

1. An annual DOT inspection is required for most CMV’s operating in interstate commerce. Proof of this inspection can be shown by which of the following?
   1. A decal placed on the CMV certifying the completion along with inspection date.
   2. A paper copy of the annual DOT inspection report
   3. An electronic copy of the annual DOT inspection report
   4. All the above

Answer: **(d) All the above** – A carrier has three opportunities to show proof of the annual DOT inspection requirements.

1. Individuals performing the annual DOT inspection must have documentation of their experience and training. Some states may require formal certification to conduct annual DOT inspections.
   1. True
   2. False

* Answer: **(a) True** – A carrier is required to maintain documentation showing that the individual that is conducting the annual inspections is knowledgeable, capable of performing the inspection, and is knowledgeable of Appendix A.

1. A motor carrier that operates a straight truck with a GVWR of 12,000lbs is towing a trailer with a GVWR of 8,000lbs. Since the combination is over 10,001lbs both the truck and the trailer will require proof of an annual DOT inspection?
   1. True
   2. False

Answer: **(a) True -** This requirement considers the individual vehicle and also the combination when combined is over 10,001lbs. In this case above both the truck and the trailer will require proof.

1. If a driver is subject to a DOT roadside inspection and cannot produce evidence of the annual DOT inspection it will be documented as a violation.
   1. True
   2. False

Answer: **(a) True** – Even if the unit had an annual inspection conducted, they will receive a violation if the driver cannot provide proof of that compliance during the roadside inspection.