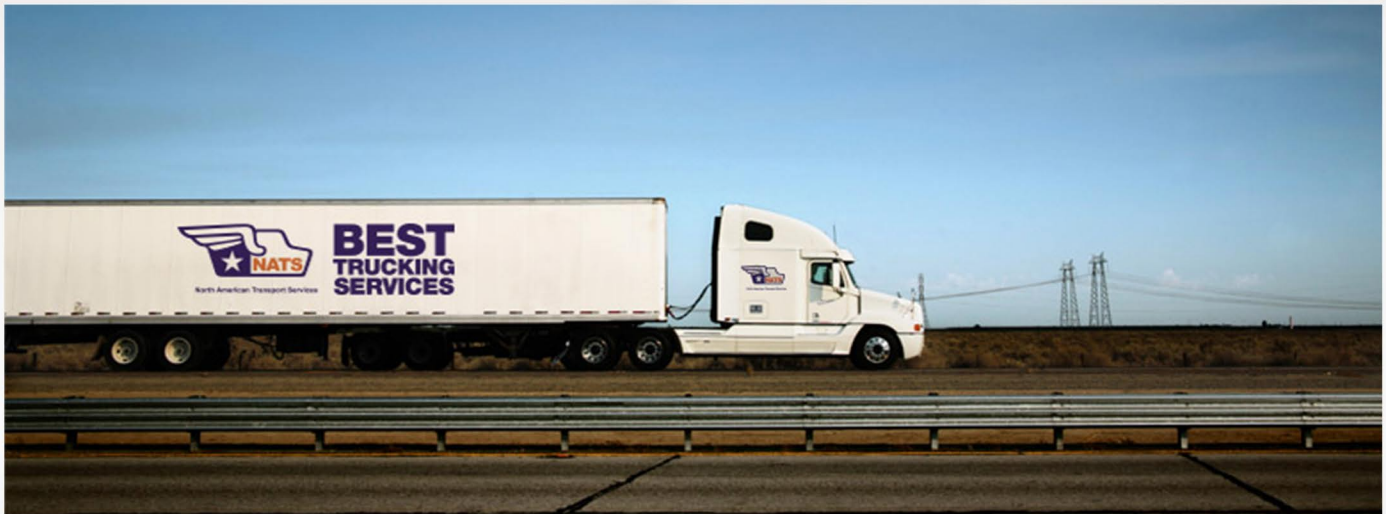


DRIVER DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Serious Traffic Violations and violating Out-of-Service Orders



You may not drive a commercial motor vehicle if you are disqualified for any reason. Continuing with the circumstances causing disqualifications, in today's newsletter we'll discuss Serious Traffic Violations and Out-of-Service Orders.

Among what the DOT considers to be serious traffic violations are:

1. Excessive speeding (15 mph or more above the posted limit),
2. Careless or reckless driving,
3. Improper lane changes,
4. Following a vehicle too closely,
5. Traffic offenses committed in a CMV in connection with fatal or injury producing traffic accidents,
6. Driving a CMV without obtaining a CDL or
7. Having a CDL in the driver's possession, and driving a CMV without the proper class of CDL and/or endorsements.

Keep in mind that since these are moving violations they will give you points in your license and affects the BASIC score of the company you work for. They will also show up on your PSP even if you didn't get a citation.

You will lose your CDL:

- For at least 60 days if you have committed two serious traffic violations within a three-year period.
- For at least 120 days for three or more serious traffic violations within a three-year period.

For violating an Out of Service order you will lose your CDL:

- For at least 90 days if you have committed your first violation of an out-of-service violation order.
- For at least one year if you have committed two out-of-service violation orders in a ten-year period.
- For at least three years if you have committed three or more out-of-service violation orders in a ten-year period.

