

roadability review, or roadside inspection if he or she complies with § 385.203(b).

(b) A person who was not qualified to perform a compliance review before June 17, 2002, may perform a compliance review, safety audit, roadability review, or roadside inspection after complying with the requirements of § 385.203(a).

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**§ 385.203 What are the requirements to obtain and maintain certification?**

(a) After June 17, 2002, a person who is not qualified under § 385.201(a) may not perform a compliance review, safety audit, roadability review, or roadside inspection unless he or she has been certified by FMCSA or a State or local agency applying the FMCSA standards after successfully completing classroom training and examinations on the FMCSRs and HMRs as described in detail on the FMCSA website ([www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)). These employees must also comply with the maintenance of certification/qualification requirements of paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) *Maintenance of certification/qualification.* A person may not perform a compliance review, safety audit, roadability review, or roadside inspection unless he or she meets the quality-control and periodic re-training requirements adopted by the FMCSA to ensure the maintenance of high standards and familiarity with amendments to the FMCSRs and HMRs. These maintenance of certification/qualification requirements are described in detail on the FMCSA website ([www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)).

(c) The requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section for training, performance and maintenance of certification/qualification, which are described on the FMCSA website ([www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)), are also available in hard copy from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Professional Development and Training Division (MC-MHT), 4600 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

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**§ 385.205 How can a person who has lost his or her certification be re-certified?**

He or she must successfully complete the requirements of § 385.203(a) and (b).

**Subpart D—New Entrant Safety Assurance Program**

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**§ 385.301 What is a motor carrier required to do before beginning interstate operations?**

(a) Before a motor carrier of property or passengers begins interstate operations, it must register with the FMCSA and receive a USDOT number. In addition, for-hire motor carriers must obtain operating authority from FMCSA following the registration procedures described in 49 CFR part 365, unless providing transportation exempt from 49 CFR part 365 registration requirements.

(b) This subpart applies to motor carriers domiciled in the United States and Canada.

(c) A Mexico-domiciled motor carrier of property or passengers must register with the FMCSA by following the registration procedures described in 49 CFR part 365 or 368, as appropriate. The regulations in this subpart do not apply to Mexico-domiciled carriers.

**§ 385.303 How does a motor carrier register with the FMCSA?**

A motor carrier may contact the FMCSA by internet ([www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)); or Washington, DC headquarters by mail at, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001; fax (703) 280-4003; or telephone 1-800-832-5660, and request the application materials for a new entrant motor carrier.

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**§ 385.305 What happens after the FMCSA receives a request for new entrant registration?**

(a) The requester for new entrant registration will be directed to the FMCSA Internet website