

Attachment A-Glossary

Alcohol

The intoxicating agent in beverage alcohol, ethyl alcohol, or other low molecular weight alcohols including methyl and isopropyl alcohol

Alcohol Use

The consumption of any beverage, mixture, or preparation, including any medication containing alcohol

BAC

Breath Alcohol Concentration

BAT

The Breath Alcohol Technician certified to use an evidential Breath Testing Device

Blind Sample

A urine specimen submitted to a laboratory for quality control testing purposes, with a fictitious identifier, so that the laboratory cannot distinguish it from employee specimens - the blind sample is either spiked with known quantities of specific drugs or is blank, containing no drugs

CDL

Commercial Driver's License

Chain of Custody

Procedures to account for the integrity of each urine specimen by tracking its handling and storage from the point of specimen collection to the final disposition of the specimen – procedures require that an appropriate drug testing custody and control form be used from the time of collection to the final disposition of the specimen

Collection Site

Place where specimens are collected to be analyzed for substance abuse

Confirmation Test

For alcohol testing, it means a second test, following a screening test with a result of 0.02 or greater that provides quantitative data of alcohol concentration. For controlled substances, testing means a second analytical procedure to identify the presence of a specific drug or metabolite which is independent of the screen test and which uses a different technique and chemical principle from that of the screen test in order to ensure reliability and accuracy

DHHS

US Department of Health and Human Services (The agency that now certifies laboratories qualified to do USDOT Drug Testing).

DOT

United States Department of Transportation

EAP

Employee Assistance Program

EBT

Evidential Breath Testing Device: A device approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for the evidential testing of breath and placed on NHTSA's "Conforming Product's List of Evidential Breath Measurement Devices" (CPL)

Employee

An individual who is employed by the State of Rhode Island (either part time or full time) in any of its departments and/or agencies, and is subject to drug testing and alcohol testing

Employer

The City of Austin Emergency Medical Services (ATCEMS) or Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services

MRO

Medical Review Officer: A licensed physician (medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy, who is responsible for receiving laboratory results generated by an employer's drug testing program and, who has knowledge of substance abuse disorders and, who has appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate an individual's confirmed positive test result together with his/her medical history and any other relevant biomedical information

NIDA

National Institute on Drug Abuse

Pre-employment

New hires to Austin Travis County Emergency Medical Services

Vendor

The company and/or organization responsible for providing the services required in meeting the Federal requirements of the Federal Administration's Drug and Alcohol Program

Screening Test

In alcohol testing, an analytical procedure to determine whether a driver may have a prohibited concentration of alcohol in his/her system - in controlled substance testing, an immunoassay screen to eliminate "negative" urine specimens from further consideration

Split Samples

In performing a drug test using a urine specimen, the sample must be "split" into two equal portions - one portion is used for screening and confirmation testing and the second portion is used by the employee for secondary testing at another DHHS certified laboratory, if the original test results are positive

SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration