

## **2009 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING RATES ANNOUNCED**

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### ***What's at Issue***

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has released the 2009 anti-drug and alcohol misuse prevention program testing rates for personnel engaged in specified safety-sensitive aviation activities.

### ***Why It's Important***

Using test history data for the two programs, the FAA adjusts the testing rates annually to reflect the percentage of covered employees that tested positive. The testing rates determine how many employees require random testing each calendar year.

### ***Major Provisions***

In determining testing rates, the FAA studies the positive test rates for the preceding calendar year. The 2009 testing rates for the aviation industry are the lowest allowed by law and reflect the extremely low rates of positive results in drug and alcohol testing occurring in the aviation industry.

#### **Random Drug Testing Rate**

Effective for the year 2009, the minimum annual percentage rate for random drug testing for covered aviation industry employees remains at **25 percent**.

#### **Random Alcohol Testing Rate**

Also effective for 2009, the minimum annual percentage rate for random alcohol testing for covered aviation industry employees remains at **10 percent**.

### ***NATA Position***

The association encourages affected members to review their current drug and alcohol testing policies to ensure that they are in compliance with these testing requirements.

### ***Status***

The rates are effective for tests conducted January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

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