## On Duty Definition (Passenger Rule)

Your MCP now tracks any Off-Duty (OFF) time you take as a passenger in a moving vehicle. With this information, the MCP provides you with alerts and warnings to help you avoid a violation.

**Passenger Violation Alert:** If you have logged any time in OFF status while a passenger in a moving vehicle, you have not yet completed 8 hours in the sleeper berth, and you do any of the following, you are in violation of the passenger rule and an alert appears.

- While in OFF status, you change your status to ON, DRV, or OFF DRV
- While in OFF status, you change to be the active driver and start driving
- While in OFF status, you clock out
- While in SB status fewer than 8 hours, you change your status in any way

#### **New Warnings:**

- 1. If you have logged any time in OFF status while a passenger in a moving vehicle, you have not yet completed 8 hours in the sleeper berth, and you are <u>currently</u> in **OFF** status, warnings appear on the:
  - Change Status screen: Must change to OFF or SB to avoid a passenger rule violation
  - Clock Out Screen: Clocking out will result in a passenger rule violation
- 2. If you have logged any time in OFF while a passenger in a moving vehicle, you have not yet completed 8 hours in the sleeper berth, and you are <u>currently in SB status</u>, warnings appear on the:
  - Change Status screen: # minutes more in SB will prevent a passenger rule violation
  - Clock Out Screen: Clocking out will result in a passenger rule violation **Note**: Be aware that clocking in may remove or cause a passenger rule violation.
- 3. After you complete 8 hours in SB, and while the vehicle is moving, a warning appears 30 and 15 min before you reach the 2 hour OFF (while a passenger) limit. Warning tells you the number of minutes until the system will automatically change your status to ON.

**Note**: Warnings are not issued, and your status is NOT changed automatically to ON, if the vehicle is stopped at those times.

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# New HOS Rule Changes: Driver Guide

Proposed DOT HOS rules are scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2013. The HOS application on the Mobile Computing Platform (MCP) is being updated to support these new rules. If you log into an MCP after the new rules go into effect, and the MCP has not received the update, you will see an alert.

There are three new rules that affect your use of the HOS application on the MCP:

- Rest Break rule: At least once every 8 hours, you must take a 30 minute break in one or combination of the following statuses:
   OFF, SB, or OFF-DRV.
- 34 Hour Reset rule: You are allowed only one 34 hour reset per week; it must include the entire time between 1:00a.m. and 5:00a.m. for two nights in a row.
- On Duty Definition: (Passenger rule): As a passenger, you may take
  up to 2 hours of Off-Duty time (OFF) while the vehicle is moving. This
  time must be taken <u>immediately</u> before and/or after you log 8 hours
  in the Sleeper Berth (SB). While the time can be split around the 8
  hours in SB, it must be continuously OFF.

The **On Duty Definition** (Passenger rule) went into effect in February 2012. The HOS application currently allows you to log Off-Duty (OFF) time in a moving vehicle. The next MCP update provides new alerts and warnings to help you comply with this rule.

The **Rest Break rule** and the **34 Hour Reset rule** are scheduled to go into effect <u>July 1, 2013.</u> The HOS application will display the new rule changes on that date. However, if the ruling is delayed or the FMCSA decides not to require the new rules, you won't see any changes on the MCP until the new rules go into effect.

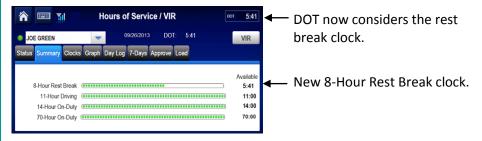
Note: For more rule details, go to the FMCSA website:

http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/topics/hos-final/hos-final-rule.aspx

## **Rest Break Rule**

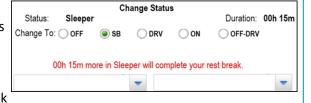
**Summary Tab**: The new 8-Hour Rest Break clock appears at the top. This clock counts down 8 hours from when you login to the MCP and go on duty.

**DOT clock:** The DOT clock indicates the time remaining until you are in any violation.



#### **New Warnings:**

- A warning appears 60, 30, and 15 minutes before you are in a rest break violation.
- When you are in off duty (SB, OFF, OFF-DRV) for less than 30 minutes, and you change to on duty (ON or DRV) with less than 2 hours left on the rest break



clock, a warning appears with time required to complete the rest break.

- An alert appears when you are in a rest break violation.
- You are NOT notified when the 30 minute rest break is complete. However, look at the rest break clock to see when it is reset.

prior to violation, if ending a rest break too early, and when in violation.

### **Exception:**

If set up, drivers carrying hazardous loads can take rest break time while on duty (ON). Ask your dispatcher if you need to be set up for this feature.

If you take a rest break while ON, the time appears as **On-Rest** or **ON-RB** in your log and appears as a segment in the ON bar on the graph. Hazardous drivers also get warnings



## 34 Hour Reset Rule

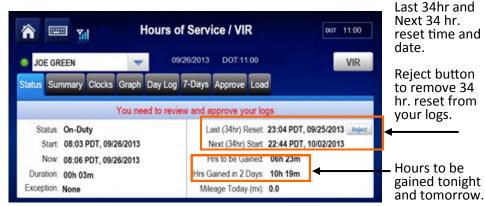
**Last/Next 34hr Reset:** Your clocks are automatically reset if you take 34 hours off (including 1:00a.m.- 5:00a.m. for two nights in a row).

The Status tab now shows you the:

- Last (34hr) Reset: Time and date you completed the reset
- Next (34hr) Reset: Time and date when you can start another reset

**Note**: If you have not had a 34 hours reset in the last 7/8 days, you see the message "No reset in current cycle."

**Reject button:** With only one 34hr reset allowed per week, a reject button gives you control when to take it. If you have a 34hr reset, and you know you will be off again for 34 hours (including 1:00a.m.- 5:00a.m. for two nights in a row) before you are eligible to take another one, you can reject the current reset to take the later one. When you reject a current 34hr reset, it is immediately removed from your log.



**Hours to be Gained:** To help you decide whether to reject the 34hr reset, consider the time you gain back with the weekly rule that now appears on the Status tab:

- Hrs. to be Gained: Time you gain on your clock at midnight tonight
- Hrs. Gained in 2 Days: Time you gain on your clock at midnight tomorrow

You must determine whether to reject the 34 hour reset <u>before you approve</u> <u>your logs</u>. Once approved, the Reject button disappears. Note that if you edit your logs to create 34 hours of qualifying off duty time, you will automatically be granted a 34 hour reset after the system has processed your edit.

**Note:** The new 34 Hour Reset rule does not apply to drivers set up for 24 hour resets.