

exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each of the 25 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (66 FR 53826; 66 FR 66966; 67 FR 46016; 67 FR 57627; 68 FR 37197; 68 FR 48989; 69 FR 17263; 69 FR 17269; 69 FR 31447; 69 FR 31449; 69 FR 51346; 70 FR 42615; 71 FR 4194; 71 FR 6828; 71 FR 13450; 71 FR 19603; 71 FR 27033; 71 FR 50970; 72 FR 54971; 73 FR 6244; 73 FR 15255; 73 FR 16952; 73 FR 27014; 73 FR 28186; 73 FR 28187; 73 FR 75807; 74 FR 43220; 74 FR 57553; 74 FR 64125; 75 FR 9481; 75 FR 14656; 75 FR 14658; 75 FR 20882; 75 FR 22178; 75 FR 22179; 75 FR 25917; 75 FR 25918; 75 FR 25919; 75 FR 27623; 75 FR 27624; 75 FR 28684; 75 FR 39727; 75 FR 39729). Each of these 25 applicants has requested renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption requirements. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by July 18, 2012.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an

exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequent comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 25 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). The final decision to grant an exemption to each of these individuals was made on the merits of each case and made only after careful consideration of the comments received to its notices of applications. The notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The nature of the information collection is described as well as its expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 7, 2012 and comments were

due by May 7, 2012. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 18, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rita Jackson on (202) 366-0284 or Anne Dougherty on (202) 366-5469, Maritime Administration, Office of Maritime Workforce Development, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. EMail Addresses: *rita.jackson@dot.gov* or *anne.dougherty@dot.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Maritime Administration.

Title: Service Obligation Compliance Report and Merchant Marine Reserve U.S. Naval Reserve Annual Report.

OMB Control No.: 2133-0509.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Affective Public: Graduates of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and every subsidized State maritime academy graduate who receive a student incentive payment.

Forms: MA-930.

Abstract: Section 801 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 53101, note), Chapters 513 and 515 of the United States Code imposes a service obligation on every graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and every subsidized State Maritime Academy graduate who received a student incentive payment. This mandatory service obligation is required to ensure the graduates are fulfilling their obligation to maintain a license as an officer in the merchant marine and report annually on their reserve status, training and employment.

Annual Estimated Burden Hours: 467 hours.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Maritime Administration Desk Officer. Alternatively, comments may be sent via 3-mail to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget, at the following address: *oira.submissions@omb.eop.gov*.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is best assured of

having its full effect, if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: June 12, 2012.

Julie P. Agarwal,

Secretary, Maritime Administration.

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