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 6 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 45817; 65 FR 77066; 66 FR 53826; 66 FR 66966; 67 FR 71610; 68 FR 61857; 68 FR 69434; 68 FR 75715; 70 FR 25878; 70 FR 74102; 71 FR 646; 72 FR 71993; 72 FR 71998; 74 FR 65846; 76 FR 78729). Each of these 6 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 with 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 December 12, 2013. 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 6 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.

Submitting Comments

You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to http://www.regulations.gov and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA–2000–7363; FMCSA–2001–10578; FMCSA–2003–16241 and click “Search.” Next, click “Open Docket Folder” and you will find all documents and comments related to the proposed rulemaking.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2013–0114]

National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC) and Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting


SUMMARY: The NHTSA announces meetings of NEMSAC and FICEMS to be held consecutively in the Metropolitan Washington, DC, area. This notice announces the date, time, and location of the meetings, which will be open to the public, as well as opportunities for public input to the NEMSAC and FICEMS. The purpose of NEMSAC, a nationally recognized council of emergency medical services representatives and consumers, is to advise and consult with DOT and the FICEMS on matters relating to emergency medical services (EMS). The purpose of FICEMS is to ensure coordination among Federal agencies supporting EMS and 9–1–1 systems.

DATES: The NEMSAC meeting will be held on December 5, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, and on December 6, 2013, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST. A public comment period will take place on December 5, 2013, between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. EST and December 6, 2013, between 10 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. EST. Written comments for the NEMSAC from the public must be received no later than December 2, 2013.

The FICEMS meeting will be held on December 6, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
EST. A public comment period will take place on December 6, 2013, between approximately 3:30 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. EST. Written comments for FICEMS from the public must be received no later than December 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will both be held at the Performance Institute on the third floor of 901 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20001.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The NEMSAC is authorized under Section 31108 of the Moving Ahead with Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012. The FICEMS is authorized under Section 10202 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFE–TCA–LU).

Tentative Agenda of the National EMS Advisory Council Meeting

The tentative NEMSAC agenda includes the following:

Thursday, December 5, 2013 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST)

(1) Opening Remarks
(2) Disclosure of Conflicts of Interests by Members
(3) Reports and Updates From the Departments of Transportation, Homeland Security, and Health & Human Services
(4) Presentation, Discussion and Possible Adoption of Reports and Recommendations From the following NEMSAC Workgroups:
   a. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
   b. Revision of the EMS Education Agenda for the Future
c. EMS Agenda for the Future
   d. Safety
(5) Other Business of the Council
(6) Public Comment Period (8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST)
(7) Workgroup Breakout Sessions (2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST)

Friday, December 6, 2013 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST)

(1) Unfinished Business/Continued Discussion From Previous Day
(2) Public Comment Period (10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. EST)
(3) Next Steps and Adjourn

On Thursday, December 5, 2013, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. EST, the NEMSAC workgroups will meet in breakout sessions at the same location. These sessions are open for public attendance, but their agendas do not accommodate public comment.

Tentative Agenda of the Federal Interagency Committee on EMS Meeting

Friday, December 6, 2013 (1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST)

(1) Welcome, Introductions, Opening Remarks
(2) Review and Approval of Executive Summary of July 8, 2013 Meeting
(3) National EMS Advisory Council (NEMSAC) Report
(4) The NIH Office of Emergency Care Research—An Overview
(5) Presentation and Discussion of the Final Draft FICEMS Strategic Plan
(6) Technical Working Group (TWG) Committee Reports
(7) Updates on Progress Responding to National Transportation Safety Board Recommendations
(8) Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Calendar Year 2014
(9) Other FICEMS Business
(10) Public Comment Period (approximately 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. EST)
(11) Next Steps and Adjourn

Registration Information: These meetings will be open to the public; however, pre-registration is requested. Individuals wishing to attend must register online at http://tinyurl.com/NEMSAC-FICEMS-2013 no later than December 2, 2013. For assistance with registration, please contact Noah Smith at Noah.Smith@dot.gov or 202–366–5030. There will not be a teleconference option for these meetings.

Public Comment: Members of the public are encouraged to comment directly to the NEMSAC and FICEMS during designated public comment periods. In order to allow as many people as possible to speak, speakers are requested to limit their remarks to 5 minutes. Written comments from members of the public will be distributed to NEMSAC or FICEMS members at the meeting and should reach the NHTSA Office of EMS no later than December 2, 2013. Written comments may be submitted by either one of the following methods: (1) You may submit comments by email: nemsac@dot.gov or ficems@dot.gov or (2) you may submit comments by fax: (202) 366–7149.

A final agenda as well as meeting materials will be available to the public online through www.EMS.gov on or before November 29, 2013.