

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.

IV. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2007-27333; FMCSA-2008-0398; FMCSA-2010-0082; FMCSA-2010-0201; FMCSA-2010-0385; FMCSA-2011-0010; FMCSA-2011-0024; FMCSA-2012-0338; FMCSA-2013-0022), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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 the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and put the docket number, "FMCSA-2007-27333; FMCSA-2008-0398; FMCSA-2010-0082; FMCSA-2010-0201; FMCSA-2010-0385; FMCSA-2011-0010; FMCSA-2011-0024; FMCSA-2012-0338; FMCSA-2013-0022" in the "Keyword" box, and click "Search." When the new screen appears, click on "Comment Now!" button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period

and may change this notice based on your comments.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number, "FMCSA-2007-27333; FMCSA-2008-0398; FMCSA-2010-0082; FMCSA-2010-0201; FMCSA-2010-0385; FMCSA-2011-0010; FMCSA-2011-0024; FMCSA-2012-0338; FMCSA-2013-0022" in the "Keyword" box and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" button choose the document listed to review. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0383]

Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; Hearing

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces that 30 individuals have applied for a medical exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). In accordance with the statutory requirements concerning applications for exemptions, FMCSA requests public comments on these requests. The statute and implementing regulations concerning exemptions require that exemptions must provide an equivalent or greater level of safety than if they were not granted. If the Agency determines the exemptions would satisfy the statutory requirements and decides to grant these requests after reviewing the public comments submitted in response to this notice, the exemptions would enable 30 individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 7, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0383 using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- Hand Delivery: West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.
- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket numbers for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The FDMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles A. Horan, III, Director, Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room

W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has authority to grant exemptions from many of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), as amended by Section 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA–21) (Pub. L. 105–178, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 107, 401). FMCSA has published in 49 CFR part 381, subpart C final rules implementing the statutory changes in its exemption procedures made by section 4007, 69 FR 51589 (August 20, 2004).¹ Under the rules in part 381, subpart C, FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register**. The Agency must provide the public with an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted and any research reports, technical papers and other publications referenced in the application. The Agency must also provide an opportunity to submit public comment on the applications for exemption.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved without the exemption. The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register**. If the Agency denies the request, it must state the reason for doing so. If the decision is to grant the exemption, the notice must specify the person or class of persons receiving the exemption and the regulatory provision or provisions from which an exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years) and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed.

The current provisions of the FMCSRs concerning hearing state that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person

First perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz,

and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5–1951.

49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). This standard was adopted in 1970, with a revision in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid, 35 FR 6458, 6463 (April 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

FMCSA also issues instructions for completing the medical examination report and includes advisory criteria on the report itself to provide guidance for medical examiners in applying the hearing standard. See 49 CFR 391.43(f). The current advisory criteria for the hearing standard include a reference to a report entitled “Hearing Disorders and Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers” prepared for the Federal Highway Administration, FMCSA’s predecessor, in 1993.²

FMCSA Requests Comments on the Exemption Applications

FMCSA requests comments from all interested parties on whether a driver who cannot meet the hearing standard should be permitted to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Further, the Agency asks for comments on whether a driver who cannot meet the hearing standard should be limited to operating only certain types of vehicles in interstate commerce, for example, vehicles without air brakes. The statute and implementing regulations concerning exemptions require that the Agency request public comments on all applications for exemptions. The Agency is also required to make a determination that an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be *achieved absent such exemption before granting any such requests*.

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–2014–0383” and click the search button. When the new screen

appears, click on the blue “Comment Now!” button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may change this proposed rule based on your comments. FMCSA may issue a final rule at any time after the close of the comment period.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number “FMCSA–2014–0383” and click “Search.” Next, click “Open Docket Folder” and you will find all documents and comments related to the proposed rulemaking.

Information on Individual Applicants

Neal Everett Boatman, Jr.

Mr. Boatman, 37, holds an operator’s license in Arizona.

Herbert Dean Crowe

Mr. Crowe, 50, holds an operator’s license in Missouri.

David Keith Cannon

Mr. Cannon, 47, holds an operator’s license in Missouri.

Bryant Cater

Mr. Cater, 54, holds a Class A commercial driver’s license (CDL) in Tennessee.

Frankye D. Crews

Ms. Crews, 44, holds an operator’s license in Florida.

Justin Craig Cribb

Mr. Cribb, 36, holds an operator’s license in South Carolina.

William Reeder Darnell

Mr. Darnell, 40, holds a Class A commercial driver’s license (CDL) in Arizona.

Mark Dickson

Mr. Dickson, 55, holds an operator’s license in Texas.

¹ This action adopted as final rules the interim final rules issued by FMCSA’s predecessor in 1998 (63 FR 67600 (Dec. 8, 2008)), and adopted by FMCSA in 2001 [66 FR 49867 (Oct. 1, 2001)].

² This report is available on the FMCSA Web site at http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/facts-research/research-technology/publications/medreport_archives.htm.

Kelly Gene Eller

Mr. Eller, 50, holds an operator's license in North Carolina.

Elliot David Fellows

Mr. Fellows, 22, holds an operator's license in New York.

David H. Grady

Mr. Grady, 46, holds a Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) in Colorado.

Alissa Haselhorst

Ms. Haselhorst, 27, holds an operator's license in Nebraska.

Nathan John Hill

Mr. Hill, 31, holds an operator's license in Georgia.

Jason R. Gensler

Mr. Gensler, 36, holds an operator's license in Ohio.

Thomas P. Lipyanic, Jr.

Mr. Lipyanic, 49, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Pennsylvania.

Brian L. Lloyd

Mr. Lloyd, 41, holds an operator's license in Ohio.

Kelsey Rae Maginity

Ms. Maginity, 23, holds an operator's license in Iowa.

Donald B. Malley

Mr. Malley, 60, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Missouri.

Courtney Maloney

Ms. Maloney, 26, holds an operator's license in New York.

Amy Elizabeth Marcus

Ms. Marcus, 42, holds an operator's license in Michigan.

Jonython A. Mason

Mr. Mason, 33, holds an operator's license in California.

Kathy Ann Meadows

Ms. Meadows, 57, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Georgia.

Devin Jamal Moffett

Mr. Moffett, 23, holds an operator's license in Georgia.

Anthony Joseph Saive

Mr. Saive, 29, holds a Class B commercial driver's license (CDL) in Ohio.

David W. Shores

Mr. Shores, 47, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in North Carolina.

Jonathan P. Veach

Mr. Veach, 32, holds an operator's license in Illinois.

Michael Whitman

Mr. Whitman, 39, holds an operator's license in New Jersey.

Richard E. Whittaker

Mr. Whittaker, 44, holds a Chauffeur's license in Indiana.

Brian David Whittington

Mr. Whittington, 48, holds a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) in Michigan.

Scott Matchett

Mr. Matchett, 32, holds an operator's license in New York.

Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b)(4), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. The Agency will consider all comments received before the close of business May 7, 2015. Comments will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The Agency will file comments received after the comment closing date in the public docket, and will consider them to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested persons should monitor the public docket for new material.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration**

[FTA Docket No. FTA-2014-0009]

Response to Comments on Updates to National Transit Database Annual Information Collection

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Revised NTD Reporting Manual and Response to Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the Federal Transit Administration's response to comments on proposed changes to the National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting Manual, and provides notice that the final Reporting Manual for the 2014 Report Year is now available. The guidance changes in this notice primarily relate to urbanized area transit providers.

DATES: Upon publication of this notice the rules and guidance it describes will become final.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Keith R. Gates, National Transit Database Program Manager, FTA Office of Budget and Policy, (202) 366-1794, or email: keith.gates@dot.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 49 U.S.C. 5335(a) and (b) National Transit Database. (OMB Number: 2132-0008).

Background: Sections 5335(a) and (b) of title 49, United States Code, require the Secretary of Transportation to maintain a reporting system, using a uniform system of accounts, to collect financial and operating information from the Nation's public transportation systems. Congress established the National Transit Database (NTD) to be the repository of national transit data to support public transportation service planning. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) administers the NTD to meet these requirements and has collected data for over 30 years. The NTD is comprised of the Annual, Rural, Monthly, and Safety modules. Each module has a Reporting Manual, which FTA updates from time to time to provide new guidance to reporters. This notice provides final updates to the Annual Reporting Manual for the 2014 Report Year.

Approximately 850 urban transit systems currently report to the NTD Annual Module. Each system provides a report on their sources and uses of funds, their capital assets, the amount of service they provide and a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) certification of the data. The reporting requirements for the NTD are within the level that received Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) approval as part of the entire NTD PRA notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 7, 2011 (76 FR 6881) and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on April 29, 2012.

On August 19, 2014, FTA published a **Federal Register** notice for comment on revisions to the NTD Reporting Manual (79 FR 49146). That notice described various changes to the NTD Annual Module that are taking effect with the FY 2014 NTD Report Year. The