V. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the two exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

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Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration


Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

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

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 125 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions are effective from the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before November 14, 2016.


You may submit comments on-line or by mail, hand delivery, or courier to the Federal Docket Management Facility; Docket Management Facility; Room W12–140 on the ground level of the Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001. Each submission must include the name of the individual submitting the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, Medical Programs Division, 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

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-year period if it finds “such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381.

Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 125 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 125 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. Each individual is identified according to the renewal date.

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., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (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 docket 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 Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) published in the Federal Register on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316).
The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual has a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provides a copy of the ophthalmologist’s or optometrist’s report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver’s qualification file and retains a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the 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. The following group(s) of drivers will receive renewed exemptions effective in the month of October and are discussed below.

As of October 6, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 58 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 20245; 65 FR 57220; 67 FR 15662; 67 FR 37907; 67 FR 46106; 67 FR 57226; 67 FR 57627; 69 FR 17263; 69 FR 26206; 69 FR 26921; 69 FR 31447; 69 FR 51346; 69 FR 52741; 70 FR 48797; 70 FR 61493; 71 FR 19602; 71 FR 26602; 71 FR 27033; 71 FR 27034; 71 FR 32183; 71 FR 41310; 71 FR 6826; 71 FR 50970; 71 FR 53489; 72 FR 39879; 72 FR 52593; 72 FR 6242; 72 FR 6244; 73 FR 16950; 73 FR 16952; 73 FR 27018; 73 FR 35194; 73 FR 35200; 73 FR 36955; 73 FR 38498; 73 FR 48270; 73 FR 48273; 73 FR 48275; 73 FR 51336; 73 FR 75807; 74 FR 41971; 74 FR 60022; 75 FR 4623; 75 FR 22179; 75 FR 25918; 75 FR 27622; 75 FR 2808; 75 FR 34211; 75 FR 36778; 75 FR 39725; 75 FR 44050; 75 FR 44051; 75 FR 47886; 75 FR 47888; 75 FR 52062; 75 FR 61833; 75 FR 77942; 76 FR 5425; 76 FR 54530; 77 FR 5874; 77 FR 15184; 77 FR 17109; 77 FR 17117; 77 FR 23797; 77 FR 23799; 77 FR 26816; 77 FR 27845; 77 FR 27850; 77 FR 33558; 77 FR 36338; 77 FR 38381; 77 FR 38384; 77 FR 40945; 70 FR 40946; 77 FR 41879; 77 FR 46153; 77 FR 46793; 77 FR 51846; 77 FR 52388; 77 FR 52389; 77 FR 56262; 77 FR 59245; 78 FR 64271; 78 FR 64274; 78 FR 67454; 78 FR 77778; 78 FR 77847; 79 FR 4803; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 2748; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 14571; 79 FR 18392; 79 FR 23797; 79 FR 27365; 79 FR 27681; 79 FR 28588; 79 FR 29498; 79 FR 35212; 79 FR 35218; 79 FR 35220; 79 FR 37842; 79 FR 38649; 79 FR 38659; 79 FR 38661; 79 FR 40945; 79 FR 40945; 79 FR 41735; 79 FR 41740; 79 FR 45868; 79 FR 46153; 79 FR 46300; 79 FR 47175; 79 FR 51642; 79 FR 51643; 79 FR 52388; 79 FR 53514; 79 FR 64001).
The drivers were included in the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0215. Their exemptions are effective as of October 23, 2016 and will expire on October 23, 2018.

As of October 27, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 10 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (65 FR 33406; 65 FR 57234; 65 FR 78256; 66 FR 16311; 67 FR 57266; 69 FR 52741; 69 FR 53493; 69 FR 62742; 71 FR 53489; 71 FR 62148; 73 FR 61925; 75 FR 59327; 77 FR 64583; 79 FR 56117):

- David W. Brown (TN)
- Monty G. Calderon (OH)
- Audlida S. Colon (TN)
- Zane G. Harvey, Jr. (VA)
- Jeffrey M. Keyser (OH)
- Donnie A. Kildow (ID)
- David G. Meyers (NY)
- Rodney M. Pegg (PA)
- Zbigniew P. Pietranik (WI)
- Joseph F. Wood (MS)

The drivers were included in the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0011. Their exemptions are effective as of October 21, 2016 and will expire on October 21, 2018.

As of October 22, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 8 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (73 FR 35194; 73 FR 51689; 75 FR 63047; 75 FR 47883; 75 FR 61683; 75 FR 63257; 75 FR 64396; 79 FR 64582; 79 FR 56104):

- Randall J. Denson (MN)
- James D. Drabek, Jr. (IL)
- Delone W. Dudley (MD)
- James W. Lappan (KS)
- Jeremy W. Leistelman (PA)
- Ernest B. Madaia (KY)
- Mark L. McWhorter (FL)
- Sylvester Silver (VA)

The drivers were included in the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA–2008–0106; FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2010–0187. Their exemptions are effective as of October 22, 2016 and will expire on October 22, 2018.

As of October 23, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 7 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (77 FR 52381; 77 FR 64841; 79 FR 56097):

- Ronald A. Duester (TX)
- Charlene E. Geary (SD)
- David N. Hinchliffe (TX)
- Michael C. Hoff (WA)
- Benny L. Sanchez (CA)
- Sandeep Singh (CA)
- James T. Stalker (OH)

The drivers were included in the following docket: Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0216; FMCSA–2014–0296. Their exemptions are effective as of October 31, 2016 and will expire on October 31, 2018.

Each of the 125 applicants listed in the groups above 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 November 14, 2016.

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 125 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.


**Viewing Comments and Documents**


**Larry W. Minor,**

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**


**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions of two individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.” The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Each renewed exemption was effective on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below. Comments must be received on or before November 14, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA–2012–0094; FMCSA–2013–0109 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Hand Delivery:** West Building Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- **Fax:** 1–202–493–2251.

**Instructions:** Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number(s) 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., 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 online.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to http://www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can