

William Walden

Mr. Walden, 58, has a macular scar in his right eye due to a traumatic incident in childhood. The visual acuity in his right eye is hand motion, and in his left eye, 20/20. Following an examination in 2018, his optometrist stated, "My medical opinion is that Mr. Walden has sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a commercial vehicle." Mr. Walden reported that he has driven straight trucks for 35 years, accumulating 1.68 million miles. He holds a Class BM CDL from Alabama. His driving record for the last three years shows one crash, for which he was not cited, and no convictions for moving violations in a CMV.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments and material received before the close of business on the closing date indicated in the dates section of the notice.

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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-2010-0188; FMCSA-2012-0164; FMCSA-2014-0019; FMCSA-2014-0020; FMCSA-2016-0043; FMCSA-2016-0216; FMCSA-2016-0218; FMCSA-2016-0219]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 192 individuals from its prohibition in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these individuals with ITDM to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, 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 5:30 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Documents and Comments

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II. Background

On August 15, 2018, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 192 individuals from the insulin-treated diabetes mellitus prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (75 FR 42477; 75 FR 57329; 77 FR 46149; 77 FR 59450; 79 FR 47702; 79 FR 47711; 79 FR 63210; 81 FR 51541; 81 FR 52505; 81 FR 52947; 81 FR 59718; 81 FR 67421; 81 FR 72640; 81 FR 72651; 81 FR 84688; 82 FR 12899). The public comment period ended on September 14, 2018, and no comments were received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding diabetes found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 192 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt the following drivers from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3):

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of September and are discussed below:

As of September 7, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 29 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (81 FR 51541; 81 FR 72651):

Larry S. Ankerson (WI)
Kenneth D. Beatty (MS)
Brandon J. Brown (TN)
Justin D. Campbell (AL)
Vito J. Dambra (PA)
Linda D. Davis (IN)
Frank A. DeCarolis (KS)
Orlando Dominguez (CA)
Scott L. Fetzer (PA)
Carl E. Fisher (PA)
Ryan A. Gehrke (MN)
Shane R. Gousie (MA)
Randal E. Hampton (NV)
Reginald M. Hart (GA)
Dennis J. Kniffen (SD)
Allen E. Lemaster (SC)
Wayne F. Leonard (IL)
Joshua W. Lockwood (MD)
Brian P. McCabe (WA)
Charles M. McKenzie (OH)
Michael C. McNamara (SC)
Michael S. Meulenber (MI)
Timothy J. Newton (IA)
David T. Petty (CA)
Ronald K. Roe (PA)
Harry W. Roebuck (TX)

James D. Tichnor (NJ)
Scott W. Waterman (SD)
Richard A. Wojciak (CT)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0043. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 7, 2018, and will expire on September 7, 2020.

As of September 8, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 33 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (81 FR 52505; 81 FR 84688):

Robert C. Bartleson (WI)
Melvin J. Bowers (SC)
Howard A. Cambridge (PA)
Donald J. Charette (CT)
Robert C. Davis (PA)
Matthew P. Delaney (MA)
Scot D. Dragon (CT)
Patrick J. Flynn (IA)
Tyson E. Frazier (NH)
Charles R. Hurston (LA)
Lovie L. Ivory (AL)
Rodrigo Jackson (TX)
Keith L. Jaynes (ME)
James J. Jopp (MN)
Evan D. Keese (TN)
Michael J. Kelly (NY)
Mark A. Lewis (SD)
Lloyd I. Lynn (IA)
Vincent Marino (WV)
Dean A. McCoy (IA)
Bruce A. Miller (IA)
Eric J. O'Neal (MD)
Eugene E. Patterson III (TX)
Michael G. Schleining (WA)
Ryan A. Scopino (ME)
Robert W. Shafer (SD)
Terry J. Southards (KS)
Timothy T. Stanton (MN)
Eric W. Thomason (KS)
Glenn M. Turley (WV)
Randy R. Wallace (MO)
Merle L. Weyer (SD)
Norman D. Zamarche (UT)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0218. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 8, 2018, and will expire on September 8, 2020.

As of September 10, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 31 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (81 FR 52947; 81 FR 67421):

Dale E. Bliss (WI)
Charles W. Bobbitt (WA)
Thomas Buckmaster (FL)
Carlos A. Chapa (TX)
David E. Colorado (UT)
Francis J. Crawford (NY)

James W. Creech (IN)
Kirk A. Devitis (NJ)
Melinda L. Echols (WA)
Justin W. Garriott (WY)
David J. Goergen (MN)
Pedro L. Gonzalez (MA)
Jeffrey K. Hagen (WI)
Charles D. Hall (CA)
Bonita K. Hunt (NC)
John M. Isley (NC)
Jeffrey A. Kidd (MD)
Craig T. Kite (OH)
Kevin E. Lester (VA)
Eric T. Maier (CA)
Javier Melendez (TX)
Terry L. Neiman (PA)
Peter Z. Pall (FL)
Vernon Piper (NY)
Sean A. Rivera (AZ)
James R. Saucedo (NM)
Tony B. Wetherell (MN)
Mark A. Williams (GA)
Steven M. Wilson (IL)
Don E. Wood (TX)
Charles P. Zenns (NY)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0216. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 10, 2018, and will expire on September 10, 2020.

As of September 16, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 58 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (79 FR 47702; 79 FR 47711; 79 FR 63210; 82 FR 12899):

Vincent M. Branch (VA)
James M. Brooks (VA)
Perry C. Bullis (PA)
Richard E. Campney (IA)
James E. Cantrell, Jr. (AL)
Steven J. Causie (MI)
Wesley A. Chain (TX)
Kristy S. Clark (VA)
Richard M. Cohen (NJ)
Dwayne P. Daniels (IL)
James T. Dodge (CO)
Richard D. Domingo (NV)
John J. Dominguez (TX)
Bradley C. Dunlap (IL)
Gary W. Giles (TX)
John A. Gillingham (PA)
Ronald L. Glade (IL)
Brent C. Godshalk (IN)
Benny B. Gonzales (TX)
Jerry W. Gott (IA)
Daniel E. Harris (IL)
Randy S. Holz (IA)
Henderson R. Hughes (NY)
James L. Hummel (WA)
Joseph T. Ingiosi (MI)
Michael J. Javenkoski (MN)
Steven T. Juhl (WI)
Joseph A. Kipus (OH)
Kevin L. Kreakie (OH)

Kevin C. Lewis (LA)
Richard M. Mackey (TX)
Paul J. Marshall (UT)
David L. McDonald (IL)
Kevin J. McGrath (MA)
Thomas K. Miszler (PA)
Jerry W. Murphy (MS)
Christopher D. Murray (NC)
Robert D. Noe (IL)
Kyle W. Parker (CA)
Gary L. Roberts (CT)
Eric D. Roberts (MI)
Tommy A. Rollins (GA)
Janice M. Rowles (PA)
William B. Rupert, Jr. (PA)
Ahmed A. Saleh (MI)
Bradlee R. Saxby (IL)
Robert M. Schmitz (IA)
Barry L. Schwab (MI)
Geoffrey E. Showaker (PA)
Bryce J. Smith (UT)
David R. Sprengel (PA)
Jeffrey R. Stevens (PA)
Artilla M. Thomas (IL)
Dale W. Tucker (VA)
William C. Vickery (NY)
Robert A. Whitcomb (MA)
Rodney L. Wichman (IL)
Richard D. Wiegartz (IL)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2014–0019; FMCSA–2014–0020. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 16, 2018, and will expire on September 16, 2020.

As of September 20, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 12 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (75 FR 42477; 75 FR 57329; 82 FR 12899):

Tommy S. Boden (ID)
Dustin G. Cook (OH)
Nathan J. Enloe (MO)
Joseph B. Hall (GA)
Mark H. Horne (NH)
Michael J. Hurst (MI)
Chad W. Lawyer (IN)
Thomas A. Mentley (NY)
Justin P. Sibigroth (IL)
Duane A. Wages (ND)
Michael J. Williams (NY)
Edward L. Winget, Sr. (MS)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2010–0188. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 20, 2018, and will expire on September 20, 2020.

As of September 27, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following five individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (77 FR 46149; 77 FR 59450; 82 FR 12899):

Matthew R. Lanciault (NH)
 Steven L. Leslie (MI)
 Del A. Meath (MN)
 Benny D. Puck (IA)
 Bob F. Rice (WA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0164. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 27, 2018, and will expire on September 27, 2020.

As of September 30, 2018, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 24 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the rule prohibiting drivers with ITDM from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (81 FR 59718; 81 FR 72640):

Scott G. Barr (FL)
 John L. Bauers (NE)
 Robert J. Borgese (NJ)
 Rodger L. Bratton (LA)
 John T. Brecken (MI)
 Ross L. Christenson (MN)
 Daniel B. Cox (WA)
 Raymond Davila (NJ)
 Craig W. Dennis (MN)
 Douglas Endicott (VA)
 Thomas P. Fogerty (MA)
 M. A. Gandolfo (NY)
 Merlyn C. Gerdes (IA)
 Fabian Guerrero-Rodriguez (NV)
 James C. Holcomb (LA)
 Robert J. Lockwood (CT)
 Adam W. Martin (MI)
 Lucas J. Preston (ND)
 William B. Robinson (AR)
 F. Marino M. Sanchez (NY)
 Andrew D. Sanford (TN)
 Michael A. Taylor (CT)
 Jerry W. Thomas (NC)
 Ray E. Vaughan (MN)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0219. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 30, 2018, and will expire on September 30, 2020.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (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 prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2018–0015]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to exempt nine individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. They are unable to meet the vision requirement in one eye for various reasons. The exemptions enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on August 21, 2018. The exemptions expire on August 21, 2020.

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II. Background

On July 20, 2018, FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of applications from nine individuals requesting an exemption from vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and requested comments from the public (83 FR 34667). The public comment period ended on August 20, 2018, and one comment was received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to driver a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of a least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received one comment in this proceeding. Vicky Johnson stated that the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (MN DPS) has no objections to granting a Federal vision exemption to Mark E. Thesing.

IV. Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for up to five years from the vision standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) if the exemption is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce. FMCSA grants exemptions from the FMCSRs for a two-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The Agency's decision regarding these exemption applications is based on medical reports about the applicants' vision as well as their driving records