• Hand Delivery or Courier: U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading below. 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.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to http://www.regulations.gov, and follow the online instructions for accessing the docket, or go to the street address listed above.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a), 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 www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.dot.gov/privacy.

Public Participation: The Federal eRulemaking Portal is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can obtain electronic submission and retrieval help and guidelines under the “help” section of the Federal eRulemaking Portal website. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard, or print the acknowledgement page after submitting comments online. Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Secrist, Office of Registration and Safety Information, Chief, Registration, Licensing and Insurance Division, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202–385–2367; email: jeff.secrist@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Secretary of Transportation is responsible for implementing regulations which establish minimum levels of financial responsibility for: (1) For-hire motor carriers of property to cover public liability, property damage, and environmental restoration, and (2) for-hire motor carriers of passengers to cover public liability and property damage. The Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability (Forms MCS–90/90B) and the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Forms MCS–82/82B) contain the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a motor carrier of property or passengers has obtained, and has in effect, the minimum levels of financial responsibility as set forth in applicable regulations (49 CFR 387.9 (motor carriers of property) and 49 CFR 387.33T (motor carriers of passengers)). FMCSA and the public can verify that a motor carrier of property or passengers has obtained, and has in effect, the required minimum levels of financial responsibility by reviewing the information enclosed within these documents.

Title: Financial Responsibility for Motor Carrier of Passengers and Motor Carriers of Property.

OMB Control Number: 2126–0008.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Insurance underwriters for insurance companies and financial specialists for surety companies of motor carriers of property (Forms MCS–90 and MCS–82) and passengers (Forms MCS–90B and MCS–82B), and motor carrier compliance officers employed by motor carriers to store and maintain insurance and/or surety bond documentation in motor carrier vehicles.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 466,328.

Estimated Time per Response: FMCSA estimates that it takes 2 minutes to complete the Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability (Forms MCS–90 for property carriers and MCS–90B for passenger carriers) or the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond (Forms MCS–82 for property carriers and MCS–82B for passenger carriers); 1 minute to store/maintain documents at the motor carrier’s principal place of business [49 CFR 387.7(d); 49 CFR 387.31(d)]; and 1 minute per vehicle to place the respective document on board the vehicle as required for non U.S.-domiciled carriers [49 CFR 387.7(f); 49 CFR 387.31(f)].

Expiration Date: March 31, 2021.

Frequency of Response: Upon creation, change, or replacement of an insurance policy or surety bond. Approximately one time per year.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 13,214 hours.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this information collection.

Thomas Keane,

Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Registration.

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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 exemptions for 44 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirements in one eye.

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. Comments must
be received on or before November 9, 2020.


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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Public Participation

#### A. Submitting Comments


- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to [http://www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Docket Operations; 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:** (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for instructions on submitting comments.

### 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 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Operations, (202) 366–9826.

### C. 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 www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.transportation.gov/privacy.

II. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-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 statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver’s medical certification.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive 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 at least 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen), or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to at least 20/40 in each eye that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in the better eye.

The 44 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the vision standard in §391.41(b)(10), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

III. Request for Comments

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(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

IV. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 44 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision standard (see 85 FR 33406; 65 FR 57234; 67 FR 46016; 67 FR 57266; 67 FR 57267; 69 FR 51346; 69 FR 52741; 71 FR 6826; 71 FR 19602; 71 FR 50970; 71 FR 53489; 72 FR 58362; 72 FR 67344; 73 FR 11989; 73 FR 35198; 73 FR 46973; 73 FR 48270; 73 FR 48275; 73 FR 51336; 73 FR 54888; 74 FR 57553; 75 FR 13653; 75 FR 25919; 75 FR 39729; 75 FR 44051; 76 FR 70212; 77 FR 3552; 77 FR 5874; 77 FR 13691; 77 FR 17117; 77 FR 23797; 77 FR 27847; 77 FR 38381; 77 FR 38386; 77 FR 40945; 77 FR 41879; 77 FR 46153; 77 FR 51846; 77 FR 52391; 78 FR 27281; 78 FR 41188; 78 FR 64274; 78 FR 67454; 78 FR 77778; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 4803; 79 FR 13085; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 14571; 79 FR 18392; 79 FR 23797; 79 FR 28588; 79 FR 29495; 79 FR 29498; 79 FR 38659; 79 FR 41735; 79 FR 41740; 79 FR 41751; 79 FR 46153; 79 FR 46300; 79 FR 51643; 79 FR 52388; 80 FR 59230; 80 FR 63839; 80 FR 67476; 80 FR 67477; 81 FR 20435; 81 FR 21647; 81 FR 28138; 81 FR 45214; 81 FR 48493; 81 FR 52514; 81 FR 66726; 81 FR 68098; 81 FR 90050; 81 FR 91239; 82 FR 15277; 83 FR 15277; 83 FR 2306; 83 FR 2306; 83 FR 2311; 83 FR 69285; 83 FR 15195; 83 FR 15214; 83 FR 18648; 83 FR 24146; 83 FR 24585; 83 FR 28320; 83 FR 28323; 83 FR 28328; 83 FR 33292; 83 FR 34661; 83 FR 34677; 83 FR 40648; 83 FR 45749; 83 FR 54644).

Daniel C. Berry (AR)
Christopher L. Binkley (NH)
John R. Bohman (OH)
Clifford L. Burruss (GA)
Ronald H. Carey (PA)
Darrin G. Davis (WI)
Vincent DeMedici (PA)
Jeffrey D. Duncan (IN)
Paul D. Evenhouse (IL)
John W. Forzy (ID)
Grant G. Gibson (MN)
Rickey W. Goins (TN)
Jorge Gonzalez (FL)
John E. Halcomb (GA)
Nenad Harnos (NJ)
Brian D. Hoover (IA)
Alvin H. Horgdal (IA)
Elvin M. Hursh (PA)
Michael A. Kalfer (KS)
Jason W. King (MT)
Allen J. Kunze (ND)
Mickey D. McCoy (TN)
Earl L. Mokma (MI)
Terrence A. Odrick (DE)
James L. Okonek (WI)
James C. Paschal, Jr. (GA)
Riland O. Richardson (GA)
Jacob H. Riggie (OK)
Michael J. Schmelzle (KS)
Gregory S. Smith (AR)
Larry L. Stewart (NC)
William B. Van Drielen (NV)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2006–23773;
As of September 23, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (75 FR 34212; 75 FR 47888; 77 FR 27847; 77 FR 40945; 77 FR 41879; 77 FR 52391; 79 FR 29495; 79 FR 41735; 81 FR 81230; 83 FR 40638):

Michael J. Hoffarth (WA)
Shane N. Maul (IN)
Larry D. Curry (GA)

As of September 29, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (73 FR 46973; 73 FR 54888; 75 FR 52603; 75 FR 52388; 79 FR 52388; 81 FR 81230; 83 FR 40638):

Terrence L. Benning (WI)
Lorry D. Curry (GA)
Thomas P. Shank (NY)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2008–0231. Their exemptions were applicable as of September 23, 2020, and will expire on September 23, 2022.

As of September 29, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (81 FR 59266; 81 FR 74494; 83 FR 40638):

Gregory M. Anderson (NY)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0033. The exemption is applicable as of September 29, 2020, and will expire on September 29, 2022.

As of September 30, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (79 FR 51643; 79 FR 64001; 81 FR 81230; 83 FR 40638):

Loran J. Weiler (IA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0010. The exemption is applicable as of September 30, 2020, and will expire on September 30, 2022.

V. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) Each driver must undergo an annual physical examination (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 certified medical examiner (ME), as defined by § 390.5, who attests that the driver is otherwise physically qualified under § 391.41; (2) each driver must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist’s or optometrist’s report to the ME at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) each driver must provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver’s qualification file or keep a copy of his/her driver’s qualification if he/her is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. 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(b).

VI. 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.

VII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 44 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

Larry W. Minor, Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

[Docket Number FRA–2020–0077]

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

Under part 211 of title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), this document provides the public notice that on September 18, 2020, the Regional Transportation District Commuter Rail (RTDC) petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance from certain provisions of the Federal railroad safety regulations contained at 49 CFR part 238, Passenger Equipment Safety Standards. FRA assigned the petition Docket Number FRA–2020–0077.

Specifically, RTDC requests relief from 49 CFR 238.309, Periodic brake equipment maintenance. Section 238.309(b)(2) stipulates that brake equipment and brake cylinders of each MU locomotive must be cleaned, repaired, and tested at intervals of every 1,104 days if the MU locomotive is part of a fleet that is 100 percent equipped with air dryers and has a brake system using RT–5A–specification valves (among others). The RTDC MU locomotives are equipped with the RT–5A+ Brake System and is 100 percent air dryer equipped. RTDC requests a waiver to extend the maintenance interval to