

David W. Grooms (IN)  
Ralph E. Holmes (MD)  
Daniel W. Johnson (NY)  
Charles E. Stokes (FL)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2002–11714; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2006–24783; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2011–0380. Their exemptions were applicable as of October 6, 2020, and will expire on October 6, 2022.

As of October 11, 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 (83 FR 45750; 83 FR 56137):

Thomas J. Knapp (WA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2018–0017. The exemption was applicable as of October 11, 2020, and will expire on October 11, 2022.

As of October 15, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (69 FR 33997; 69 FR 61292; 71 FR 55820; 73 FR 46973; 73 FR 54888; 73 FR 65009; 75 FR 52063; 75 FR 57105; 77 FR 52388; 77 FR 60010; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

William C. Ball (NC) and Kevin C. Palmer (OR)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2008–0231. Their exemptions were applicable as of October 15, 2020, and will expire on October 15, 2022.

As of October 21, 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 56099; 79 FR 70928; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):  
Raymond Holt (CA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0011. The exemption is applicable as of October 21, 2020, and will expire on October 21, 2022.

As of October 22, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (73 FR 51689; 73 FR 63047; 75 FR 39725; 75 FR 47883; 75 FR 61883; 75 FR 63257; 75 FR 64396; 77 FR 64582; 79 FR 56104; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

Randall J. Benson (MN)  
James D. Drabek, Jr. (IL)  
Delone W. Dudley (MD)  
Jeromy W. Leatherman (PA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2010–0187. Their exemptions are applicable as of October 22, 2020, and will expire on October 22, 2022.

As of October 23, 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 (77 FR 52381; 77 FR 64841; 79 FR 56097; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

James T. Stalker (OH)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2012–0215. The exemption is applicable as of October 23, 2020, and will expire on October 23, 2022.

As of October 27, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (69 FR 53493; 69 FR 62742; 71 FR 62148; 73 FR 61925; 75 FR 59327; 77 FR 64583; 79 FR 56117; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

David W. Brown (TN) and Zbigniew P. Pietranik (WI)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2004–18885. Their exemptions are applicable as of October 27, 2020, and will expire on October 27, 2022.

As of October 31, 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 58856; 79 FR 72754; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

Henry L. Chrestensen (IA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0296. The exemption is applicable as of October 31, 2020, and will expire on October 31, 2022.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 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(e) and 31315(b).

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0106; FMCSA–2016–0002; FMCSA–2017–0061]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

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**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for eight individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions were applicable on September 6, 2020. The exemptions expire on September 6, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202–366–4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto: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 Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation

###### A. Viewing Documents and Comments

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2014-0106>, <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2016-0002>, or <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2017-0061> and choose the document to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations 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., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

#### B. 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](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.transportation.gov/privacy](http://www.transportation.gov/privacy).

## II. Background

On September 2, 2020, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for eight individuals from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (85 FR 54625). The public comment period ended on October 2, 2020, and no comments were received.

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 § 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in § 391.41(b)(11) states 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.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised 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).

## III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

## IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the eight renewal exemption applications, FMCSA announces its decision to

exempt the following drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41(b)(11).

As of September 6, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following eight individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (85 FR 54625):

Weston Arthurs (CA)  
Mathias Conway (MI)  
Charles DePriest (TX)  
Agustin Hernandez (TX)  
Robert Hilber (TX)  
Richard Hoots (AR)  
D'Nielle Smith (OH)  
Michael Sweet (GA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2014-0106, FMCSA-2016-0002, or FMCSA-2017-0061. Their exemptions were applicable as of September 6, 2020, and will expire on September 6, 2022.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 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(e) and 31315(b).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0011]

### 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 five 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 October 3, 2020. The exemptions expire on October 3, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto: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 Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

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## II. Background

On September 2, 2020, FMCSA published a notice announcing receipt of applications from five individuals requesting an exemption from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and requested comments from the public (85 FR 54621). The public comment period ended on October 2, 2020, and no comments were 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