III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the nine renewal exemption applications, FMCSA announces its decision to renew the following drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41(b)(11). As of November 30, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following nine individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (85 FR 73591):

- Michael Arwood (TN)
- Christian DeNight (FL)
- James Dignan (IL)
- Bruce Dunn (LA)
- Michael Dohanish (OH)
- Scott Perdue (GA)
- Adalberto Rodriguez (NY)
- Christian DeNight (FL)
- James Dignan (IL)


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.

II. Background

FMCSA received applications from 37 individuals who requested an exemption from the vision standard in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce.

The Agency has determined that these applicants do not meet the eligibility criteria or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption and granting these exemptions would not provide a level of safety that would be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety that would be obtained by complying with § 391.41(b)(10). Therefore, the 37 applicants in this notice have been denied exemptions from the physical qualification standards in § 391.41(b)(10).

Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition regarding his/her exemption request. Those decision letters fully outline the basis for the denial and constitute final action by the Agency. This notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b). The following 18 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

- Dave J. Acouthe (NY)
- Wyatt W. Brown (IA)
- James R. Bruner (AL)
- Gareth S. Collins (AZ)
- Maira A. Giraldo (TX)
- Richard E. Hordon (NH)
- Eddie Howard (NM)
- Chen N. Nguyen (IA)
- Martin K. Ramos (FL)
- Aaron Rot (TX)
- Adam L. Scorza (CA)
- Gabriel P. Serna (AZ)
- Shabria N. Shepherd (AL)
- Satvir Singh (NJ)
- Coltin Upchurch (KS)
- Aimable Vuningoma (TX)
- Caleb Zane (NY)

The following 10 applicants did not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

- Caleb Zane (NY)
- Aimable Vuningoma (TX)
- Martin K. Ramos (FL)
- Aaron Rot (TX)
- Adam L. Scorza (CA)
- Gabriel P. Serna (AZ)
- Shabria N. Shepherd (AL)
- Satvir Singh (NJ)
- Caleb Zane (NY)
- Aimable Vuningoma (TX)
The following applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

- Michael L. Leschner (MN)
- Jose O. Diaz Rosado (PA)
- Derrick V. Arter (MD)
- William F. Preston (OH)

The following applicant drove interstate while restricted to intrastate driving:

- Henry E. Brown (IL)

The following applicant had stable vision for the preceding 3-year period:

- Sheldon Blanton (TX)

The following applicant drove interstate while restricted to intrastate driving:

- Ryan L. VanZanten (PA)
- George R. Miller (PA)

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Participation**

**A. Submitting Comments**


**QUALIFICATION OF DRIVERS; EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS; VISION**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 53 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 are 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 March 3, 2021.


- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- 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.

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