DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration


Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 59 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 requirement 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 provided below.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Comments


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 § 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in § 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 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 no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 59 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt the following drivers from the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10).

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of June and are discussed below. As of June 4, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 53 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (64 FR 40404, 64 FR 66962, 65 FR 45817, 65 FR 77066, 65 FR 78256, 66 FR 16311, 67 FR 10475, 67 FR 54325, 67 FR 68719, 67 FR 71610, 68 FR 2629, 68 FR 8974, 68 FR 10301, 68 FR 13260, 68 FR 19596, 68 FR 19598, 68 FR 33570, 69 FR 26206, 69 FR 33997, 69 FR 61292, 69 FR 64806, 69 FR 64810, 69 FR 71100, 70 FR 2705, 70 FR 8659, 70 FR 12265, 70 FR 16886, 70 FR 17504, 70 FR 25878, 70 FR 30997, 71 FR 26602, 71 FR 55820, 71 FR 63380, 72 FR 185, 72 FR 1050, 72 FR 1053, 72 FR 54972, 72 FR 11426, 72 FR 12666, 72 FR 18726, 72 FR 25831, 72 FR 27624, 72 FR 28093, 72 FR 46261, 72 FR 54972, 73 FR 15567, 73 FR 27015, 73 FR 27017, 73 FR 38498, 73 FR 38499, 73 FR 46973, 73 FR 48273, 73 FR 54888, 73 FR 65009, 73 FR 75803, 73 FR 75806, 73 FR 76440, 74 FR 981, 74 FR 6207, 74 FR 6209, 74 FR 7097, 74 FR 8302, 74 FR 11988, 74 FR 11991, 74 FR 15584, 74 FR 15586, 74 FR 19270, 74 FR 20253, 74 FR 21427, 74 FR 60021.
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As of June 6, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 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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