This notice applies to FHWA agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:
3. Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].
11. Clean Water Act (Section 319, Section 401, Section 402, Section 404) [33 U.S.C. 1251–1277].
18. Executive Order 11990 Protection of Wetlands.
19. Executive Order 11988 Floodplain Management.
20. Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.
22. Executive Order 13007 Indian Sacred Sites.
23. Executive Order 13287 Preserve America.
24. Executive Order 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.
26. Executive Order 13112 Invasive Species.

(Applications; Hearing)

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 22 individuals for an exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System Docket No. FMCSA–2022–0034 using any of the following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov/, insert the docket number, FMCSA–2022–0034, in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click on the “Comment” button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: Dockets 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 20590–0001, 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, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

Office hours are 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. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA–2022–0034), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2022–0034. Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, click the “Comment” button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8 1/2 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.

B. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number, FMCSA–2022–0034, in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click “Browse Comments.” 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 20590–0001, 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.

C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. 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.

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 22 individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

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 (Apr. 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

On February 1, 2013, FMCSA announced in a Notice of Final Disposition titled, “Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; National Association of the Deaf,” (78 FR 7479), its decision to grant requests from 40 individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers. Since that time the Agency has published additional notices granting requests from hard of hearing and deaf individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers.

III. Qualifications of Applicants

Christopher Adams
  Mr. Adams, 29, holds a class C license in Iowa.
  Jerritt Boehle
  Mr. Boehle, 51, holds a class D license in Illinois.
  Nathan Bohannon
  Mr. Bohannon, 30, holds a class C license in Texas.
  John Darr
  Mr. Darr, 32, holds a class D license in Tennessee.
  Jeremy Earl
  Mr. Earl, 38, holds a class DM license in Illinois.
  Taniko Graham
  Ms. Graham, 25, holds a class D license in Tennessee.
  Rodney Henley
  Mr. Henley, 36, holds a class D license in Alabama.
  Quincy Hicks
  Mr. Hicks, 57, holds a class D license in Virginia.
  Omar Ibrahim
  Mr. Ibrahim, 41, holds a class D license in Minnesota.
  Larry Mancill
  Mr. Mancill, 31, holds a class F license in Missouri.
  Glenn McCormack
  Mr. McCormack, 39, holds a class D license in Illinois.

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Mr. McCormack, 39, holds a class D license in Illinois.
Carlos Morales
Mr. Morales, 51, holds a class A license in Florida.

Steven Morris
Mr. Morris, 24, holds a class C license in Texas.

Tisha Simmons
Ms. Simmons, 46, holds a class C license in North Carolina.

Viramdeep Singh
Mr. Singh, 28, holds a class A license in New York.

Joseph Stanford, III
Mr. Stanford, 28, holds a class C license in Oregon.

Charles Stire
Mr. Stire, 41, holds a class D license in Kentucky.

Amanda Sturdevant
Ms. Sturdevant, 42, holds a class C license in Texas.

Robert Walker, Jr.
Mr. Walker, 51, holds a regular operator’s license in Washington.

Joshua Wayland
Mr. Wayland, 35, holds a class D license in Illinois.

Kevin Young
Mr. Young, 36, holds a class D license in Alabama.

Karisa Zapotocky
Ms. Zapotocky, 29, holds a class C license in California.

IV. Request for Comments

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

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Transit Administration
[FTA Docket No. FTA 2022–0010]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Ferry Programs

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Emergency clearance notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency approval of a proposed information collection. DOT requests that OMB authorize this collection of information on or before June 15, 2022. Upon receiving the requested six-month emergency approval by OMB, DOT will follow the normal PRA procedures to obtain extended approval for this proposed information collection. The purpose of this collection is to enable public transportation providers, local governmental entities, States and federally recognized Tribes that operate a public ferry system to apply for grant assistance under the Passenger Ferry Grant Program, Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program and Ferry Service for Rural Communities. DOT is requesting emergency approval due to the urgency of making the associated funds available to public transportation providers, local governmental entities, States and federally recognized Tribes that meet the eligibility requirements under the law. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and their expected burdens.

DATES: Comments on this proposal for emergency review should be received within June 21, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 15 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. All comments received are part of the public record. Comments will generally be accepted without change. Upon receiving the requested six-month emergency approval by OMB, FTA will follow the normal PRA procedures to obtain extended approval for this proposed information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: ftaferryprograms@dot.gov, or call Vanessa Williams at (202)–366–4818.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FTA requests public comment on this information collection, including (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost); (c) ways for FTA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection. The summaries below describe the nature of the information collection requirements (ICRs) and the expected burden. The requirements are being submitted for clearance by OMB as required by the PRA.

Title: Passenger Ferry Grant Program, Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Pilot Program and Ferry Service for Rural Communities.

OMB Control Number: 2132–New.

Type of Request: Request for emergency approval of an information collection.

Abstract: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, established two new grant programs Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program (IIJA § 71102) and Ferry Service for Rural Communities (IIJA § 71103). Funding for these two new programs will be announced in a joint Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) with FTA’s existing Passenger Ferry Grant Program (49 U.S.C. 5307(h)). The Passenger Ferry Grant Program provides competitive funding for projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas. The Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program makes Federal funds available competitively to projects that support the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferry vessels. The Ferry Service for Rural Communities makes Federal funds available competitively to States and territories to ensure basic essential ferry service is provided to rural areas. FTA anticipates using an online, web-based grant management system to collect the following information:

• Legal name of the applicant (i.e., the legal name of the business entity), as well as any other identities under which the applicant may be doing business.
• Address, telephone, and email contact information for the applicant.
• Legal authority under which the applicant is established.
• Name and title of the authorized representative of the applicant (who will attest to the required certifications).
• DOT may also require the identity of external parties involved in preparation of the application, including outside accountants, attorneys, or auditors who may be assisting the business entity that is applying for assistance under this program.