Medical Certification Requirements For Commercial Drivers

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Self-Certification

New federal regulations require NYS CDL holders to self-certify to DMV the type of driving they will be performing.

Self-Certification (cont.)

CDL holders must certify to 1 of 4 driving types.

- Non-excepted Interstate (NI)
- Non-excepted Intrastate (NA)
- Excepted Interstate (EI)
- Excepted Intrastate (EA)

Non-Excepted vs. Excepted

Non- Excepted Operation – Drivers are required to obtain a valid Medical Examiner's Certificate.

Excepted Operation – Drivers are **exempt** from obtaining a Medical Examiner's Certificate.

Some Examples of Excepted Operation Include.....

- Transportation of school children and/or staff between home and school. (School Operation)
- As Federal, State or Local Government employees. (Municipal Operation)

For a full list of Federal and NYS Excepted Operation refer to:

<u>www.FMCSA.dot.gov</u> <u>www.dot.ny.gov</u>

Interstate vs. Intrastate

Interstate Commerce – Operating a Commercial Motor Vehicle:

- From one State to another or a foreign country;
- Between two places within a state with part of the trip crossing into another state or foreign country; or
- Between two places within a state but <u>the cargo</u> is part of a trip that began or will end in another state or foreign country.

Interstate vs. Intrastate

Intrastate Commerce – Operation of a Commercial Motor Vehicle within a state that does not meet any of the descriptions for interstate commerce.

The Four Driving Types

Non-excepted Interstate (NI)-

- Drivers <u>are required to meet</u> the Federal Medical Requirements and commercial operation is permitted across state lines.
- Must not have a K (CDL Intrastate Only) or A3 restriction on drivers license

The Four Driving Types (cont.)

Non-excepted Intrastate (NA)-

- Drivers <u>are required to meet</u> the Federal Medical Requirements
- Commercial operation is restricted to NYS only
- Must have a K (CDL Intrastate only) restriction on driver license
- Must not have an A3 restriction on driver license

The Four Driving Types (cont.)

Excepted Interstate (EI) -

- Drivers <u>are exempt</u> from the Federal Medical Requirements and commercial operation is permitted across state lines for Excepted Operation only.
- Must have an A3 restriction on driver license
- Must not have a K (CDL Intrastate Only) restriction on driver license.

The Four Driving Types (cont.)

Excepted Intrastate (EA) -

- Drivers <u>are exempt</u> from the Federal Medical Requirements.
- Commercial operation is restricted to New York
 State ONLY and permitted for Excepted
 Operation ONLY.
- Must have the K (CDL Intrastate Only) and the A3 restrictions on driver license

License Restriction Changes

A3 Restriction-

- Formerly School/Municipal Operations Only
- Expanded to include all Federal and State Excepted Operations
- Amended description to "Med Cert Exempt"

License Restrictions Changes

K Restriction-

- CDL Intrastate Only
- Commercial operation permitted within NYS only
- No longer means that a driver is exempt from the federal medical requirements

Current K Restriction Holders

- Must self-certify to driving type EA
- Must have their CDL license amended to add the A3 (Med Cert Exempt) restriction
- Will have both the A3 (Med Cert Exempt) and K (CDL Intrastate Only) restrictions on license

New V Restriction

V Restriction-

- Drivers with a medical variance issued by FMCSA (Vision, Diabetic, Seizure or Hearing waiver exemption or a Skills Performance Evaluation (SPE) must now have a V restriction placed on their CDL license
- Drivers must continue to carry Medical Variance document(s) with them

DMV Notification To Drivers

DMV will mail a Self-certification notification letter, with instructions, to all current NY CDL holders.

- Beginning July 23rd, 2013
- Numerically by CID
- Unique barcode for each driver

How to Self-Certify

By Mail

- Return <u>your</u> completed notification letter to DMV central office
- Include legible <u>photocopies</u> of required USDOT Medical Examiner's Certificate

• During a License Transaction at a Local DMV Office

- <u>Only</u> if completing a commercial license or permit transaction
- <u>Do not</u> need to mail in self-certification notification letter
- DMV offices <u>will not</u> have the capability to process a "self-certification only" transaction

How Can Drivers Prepare?

Verify DMV has your current address on file

 Make sure you have the correct restrictions/endorsements on your driver's license for the type of driving you perform

• Ensure your Medical Examiner's Certificate is legible, complete and up to date.

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wearing hearing aid	accompanied by a		Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate (SPE)			
accompanied by a	waiver exemption Qualified by operation of 49 C			R 391.64		
The information I have provided regarding completely and correctly, and is on file in r		rue and complete. A complete	e examin	nation form with any attac	hment emb	odies my finding
SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER			TELEPHONE			DATE
Jamie L. Wilson, PA			801-222-1111			06/06/06
Jamie L. Wilson, PA					Chirop Advar Practi Nurse	nced Ce
MEDICAL EXAMINER'S LICENSE OR CERTIF	ICATE NO ASSUING STATE					
ME12345/UT						
SIGNATURE OF DRIVER			DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.		STA	
Cameron Pike			987654321			JT
ADDRESS OF DRIVER 123 Main Street, Ar	y Town, UT 840	003				
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE						

Driver's Responsibilities

- Return the Self-Certification Notification letter promptly.
- Drivers will be responsible for submitting a new USDOT Medical Examiner's Certificate to the DMV central office prior to the expiration of the existing Medical Examiner's Certificate on file.
- Drivers are responsible for keeping their Medical Variance current with FMCSA and must continue to carry their medical variance documents with them.

Important Information

- DMV will post the range of CID numbers that been mailed on the DMV website: <u>http://www.dmv.ny.gov/cdl-</u> <u>medcert.htm</u>
- DMV central office mailing address is posted on the DMV website and will be listed on the Notification Letter.
- Updated Medical Examiner's Certificates must be mailed to the central office unless required for a license or permit transaction. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your Commercial privileges.
- Enroll in My DMV- My License

For More Information....

Visit FMCSA at: http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov Or Contact us at: **CDL Medical Certification Unit PO Box 2601** Albany NY 12220-0601 (518) 473-3603 E-mail: dmv.sm.CDLMedCertUnit

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