

New and Revised CDL Medical Forms

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Revised DL 51 and New Requirements

The Medical Examination Report (DL 51) form was revised to comply with federal regulations and the *California Vehicle Code*. The revised DL 51 (REV. 1/2014) form is available online at www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/dl/dl51.pdf.

NOTE: DL 51 (REV. 1/2012 and REV. 2/2012) forms with a medical examination date **prior** to January 1, 2014, will be accepted.

- Effective January 1, 2014, chiropractors listed on the current National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners are authorized to perform medical examinations for original and renewal special certificate applicants.

NOTE: The chiropractor's National Registry number **must** be entered in the National Registry Number box on page 4 of the DL 51.

- Effective May 21, 2014, interstate commercial motor vehicle drivers **must** have their medical examinations performed by a certified medical examiner listed on the National Registry; the National Registry number must be entered in the National Registry Number box on the DL 51.

Obsolete DL 51A/Medical Examiner Certificate

Effective January 1, 2014, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) no longer provides the Medical Examiner's Certificate (DL 51A) form; the form is obsolete.

In lieu of the DL 51A, drivers must use the federal Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC). The federal MEC is available at:

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/documents/safetyprograms/Medical-Examiners-Certificate.pdf.

NOTE: Previously signed DL 51A forms are valid through the medical expiration date. A lost DL 51A form must be replaced with the federal MEC signed by the medical examiner who issued the original certificate.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requires commercial driver license (CDL) and commercial learners permit holders to carry paper copies of their medical examiner's certificate when operating a commercial vehicle until January 30, 2015. Interstate motor carriers are required to retain copies of their drivers' medical certificates in their driver qualification files.

DL 694 (NEW 1/2014)

The California Commercial Driver License Self-Certification Form (DL 694, NEW 1/2014) allows commercial drivers to update the type of commercial vehicle operation they participate in. CDL holders **must** determine whether they operate in interstate or intrastate commerce and inform DMV the type of commercial motor vehicle operation they drive in or expect to drive in.

The DL 694 is available online at www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/dl/dl694.pdf.

CDL holders must maintain "certified" (current) medical status with DMV. CDL holders who fail to keep the information on their medical examination current risk becoming uncertified and losing their CDL privilege.

Ordering DL 51 Forms in Bulk Quantities

Submit your request on business letterhead and indicate:

- Title and form number.
- Quantity needed.
- Street address for delivery.
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- Mail, e-mail, or fax to:

Department of Motor Vehicles
Materials Management Section
4201 Sierra Point Drive, Suite 112
Sacramento, CA 95834-1998
E-mail: dmvasdpublicforms@dmv.ca.gov
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Background

Chiropractors on the National Registry have been added to the list of eligible health care providers who may conduct medical examinations for persons applying for an original or renewing a certification to operate a school bus, school pupil activity bus, youth bus, general public paratransit vehicle, or farm labor vehicle.

DMV has been collecting driver self-certifications since January 30, 2012, on the DL 51 and Commercial Driver License Application (DL 44C). All CDL holders are required to be medically qualified every two years (maximum); CDL holders that are medically certified meet the new requirement.

References

California Vehicle Code §§12804.2, 12804.9, 12804.12(b), and 15250.5(d)
Code of Federal Regulations §391.41

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