

# COMMERCIAL DRIVERS SELF-CERTIFICATION

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New Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations went into effect on January 30, 2012, that require commercial driver's license holders to complete a self-certification form (PS33203), attesting to the type of commerce they are engaged in and whether or not they are subject to federal or state medical requirements.

Reference: Minnesota Statutes, sections 171.162, 221.031, and 221.0314, and 49 CFR 383.71 and 383.73

## Who is affected?

- Anyone applying for a commercial driver's license (CDL), class A, B, or C.
- Anyone renewing a CDL.
- Anyone applying for a higher class CDL or adding an endorsement to a CDL.
- Any CDL holder whose medical examiner's certificate and/or waiver will soon expire or has expired.

## Who is *not* affected?

These regulations *do not* apply to drivers that do not hold a commercial driver's license (CDL) and do not intend to apply for a CDL.



# INTERSTATE OR INTRASTATE?

Check all that apply:

I transport cargo from one state to another state.
I transport cargo from the United States to a foreign country (for example, to Canada or Mexico).
I transport cargo from one point in a state to another in the same state, but during the trip, I cross into another state or foreign country.
Example: A driver delivers cargo from the Twin Cities to Angle Inlet in Northern Minnesota. To do so, the driver must travel through Canada to reach Angle Inlet.

☐ I transport cargo within a single state, but the cargo begins or ends its trip in another state or foreign country.

Example 1: A driver transports cargo that was flown into the Twin Cities from Florida. The driver will deliver

the cargo to a business in Bemidji. Even though the driver never leaves Minnesota, the cargo began its journey in Florida. That is interstate commerce.

*Example 2:* A driver picks up cargo in Roseville and delivers it to Duluth where it will be placed on a ship for delivery to Holland Harbor, Michigan. Although the driver is only operating in Minnesota, the cargo will end its journey in another state. That is interstate commerce.

If you *checked* any of the boxes above, you are engaged in *interstate* commerce. If you *did not* check any of the boxes and you only operate a commercial vehicle in one state, then you are probably engaged in *intrastate* commerce.

#### **EXEMPT OR NON-EXEMPT?**

Check all that apply:

I operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) as a federal, state or local government employee.
I operate a CMV to transport human corpses or sick or injured persons.
I operate a fire truck or rescue vehicle while involved in emergency and related operations.
I operate a CMV primarily to transport propane winter heating fuel when responding to an emergency condition requiring immediate response such as damage to a propane gas system after a storm or flooding.
I operate a CMV in response to a pipeline emergency such as a leak or rupture.
I operate a CMV for custom harvesting on a farm or to transport farm machinery and supplies used in the custom harvesting operation to and from a farm or within 150 miles of the farm. (This does not apply to the transport of hazardous materials requiring a placard or to combination vehicles.)
I am a beekeeper and operate a CMV for the seasonal transportation of bees.
I operate a CMV as a private motor carrier of passengers for non-business purposes.
I operate a CMV to transport migrant workers.

If you checked any of the boxes above, you are exempt and do not need a medical examiner's certificate.

**Note**: If you operate in both exempt and non-exempt commerce, you must obtain a medical examiner's certificate to be qualified to operate in both categories.

### **KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT**

It is important that you keep your information current to prevent the loss of your commercial driving privilege and to avoid possible action by law enforcement officers.

Submit a new self-certification form (PS33203):

- Anytime the type of commerce you are engaged in changes (interstate/intrastate).
- Anytime your medical status changes (exempt/non-exempt).
- Whenever your medical examiner's certificate expires if you are required to have one. You will be required to present a current certificate.
- Whenever a medical waiver expires, if you are required to have one. You will be required to present a current waiver.

# **Submitting Self-Certification Form**

Submit forms at:

- Any driver's license exam station
- Any driver's license application office

If you do not need to apply for a new driver's license, you may submit the form:

- By fax: (651) 297-4447
- By mail: Driver and Vehicle Services 445 Minnesota Street, Ste. 180
   Saint Paul, MN 55101-5180

#### **Ouestions? Contact DVS:**

Office Locations: (651) 297-2005
CDL Information: (651) 297-5029
TTY/TDD: (651) 282-6555
Web: dvs.dps.mn.gov