

**Q. *What must I do to comply with the new requirements for making my medical certification part of my CDL driving record?***

- A. Starting on January 30, 2012, when you:
- Apply for a CDL;
  - Renew a CDL;
  - Apply for a higher class of CDL;
  - Apply for a new endorsement on a CDL; **or**
  - Transfer a CDL from another State

You will be required to self certify to a single type of commercial operation on your driver license application form. Based on that self certification, you may be required to provide the Alabama Department of Public Safety (DPS) with a current medical examiner's certificate and if applicable, provide any variance (waiver) you may have along with the medical certification card.

**Q. *What if I am an existing CDL holder who does not have a license renewal, upgrade or transfer between January 30, 2012 and January 30, 2014?***

- A. You are responsible for providing Alabama DPS with your self-certification of operating status by October 1, 2013. If required, you must also provide your current medical examiner's certificate and if applicable any variance (waiver) document by October 1, 2013.
- Because Alabama is already collecting this information to "get ahead of the game" we are accepting the information now on any CDL holder.

**Q. *After I provide the Alabama Department of Public Safety with my unexpired medical examiner's certificate, do I still have to carry an original or copy of my medical examiner's certificate?***

- A. Yes, until the program is fully implemented on January 30, 2014, you will still have to carry an original or copy of the medical examiner's certificate and provide a copy to your employer for your driver qualification file. After the 2014 date if a driver has a variance (waiver) this must always be in the drivers possession when operating a commercial vehicle.

**Q. *What should I (as a driver) do with the medical examiner's certificate beginning on January 30, 2014?***

- A. After you provide Alabama DPS and your employer with the medical examiner's certificate (card), the medical examiner's certificate (card) will only be valid to present to law enforcement for the first 15 days after it was issued, after that time the information will be accessed by law enforcement via CDLIS. Your medical examiner's certification information will be recorded on your driving record and will become the valid version of your medical certification (card).

**Q. *What if I do not provide the Alabama Department of Public Safety with my self-certification and if required, my medical examiner's certificate (card) and any required variance (waiver) document by January 30, 2014?***

**A.** Alabama DPS will notify you that you are no longer medically certified to operate a CMV, after 45 days of that notice, if the required information has not been received then all the CDL privileges will be removed from your license.

**Q. *What should I do when my medical certificate(card) and/or variance (waiver) is about to expire?***

**A.** You must have a new medical examination and obtain a new medical certificate. You must then provide the Alabama DPS the new medical examiner's certificate (card). You are also responsible for applying to FMCSA for a renewal of your variance (waiver) if applicable.

**Q. *What happens if my medical examiner's certificate or variance expires before I provide the Alabama Department of Public Safety with a new one?***

**A.** Alabama DPS will notify you that you are no longer medically certified to operate a CMV in non-excepted Interstate commerce. If a current medical examiners certificate and if applicable the variance (waiver) is not received within 45 days all your CDL privileges will be removed from your license.

**Q. *How can I get back my CDL privileges?***

**A.** If the medical examiner's certificate has expired, you must obtain a new one and provide it to the Alabama DPS, and if applicable, if the variance has expired, you must renew it with FMCSA and provide it along with your medical certification to Alabama DPS. NOTE: Re-examination will be required if your Alabama CDL has expired over three (3) years.

**Q. *What if I change the type of operation I perform?***

**A.** You can change your self certification status at [www.dps.alabama.gov](http://www.dps.alabama.gov) Go to **QUICK LINKS**, then **CDL SELF CERTIFICATION**, complete the form and hit submit.

**ANY OF THE REQUIRED FORMS MAY BE SUBMITTED THROUGH [WWW.DPS.ALABAMA.GOV](http://WWW.DPS.ALABAMA.GOV) , FAXED TO 334-353-1980 OR MAILED TO THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-CDL UNIT, PO BOX 1471, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36102-1471.**

**ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO OUR EMAIL ADDRESS AT: [CDLMEDICALMERGER@DPS.ALABAMA.GOV](mailto:CDLMEDICALMERGER@DPS.ALABAMA.GOV)**