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SECRETARY OF STATE

SELF-CERTIFICATION OF TYPE OF DRIVING AND MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

Effective January 30, 2012 any person applying for a CDL or renewing a current CDL must certify to the Illinois Secretary of State's Office one of the following four (4) categories of driving in which the driver expects to engage. All current CDL holders must make this self certification by January 30, 2014. To self-certify a driver must appear at one of the 47 Secretary of State CDL Facilities.

1. **Non-excepted interstate (NI).**
Operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, is subject to and meets the qualification requirements under 49 CFR Part 391.
2. **Excepted interstate (EI).**
Operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, but exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68 or 398.3 from all or parts of the qualification requirements of 49 CFR Part 391.
3. **Non-excepted intrastate (NA).**
Operates solely in intrastate commerce and therefore is subject to and meets State medical requirements.
4. **Excepted intrastate (EA).**
Operates in intrastate commerce, but engages exclusively in transportation or operations that are excepted from all or parts of the state's medical requirements.

CDL holders who certify to category one, non-excepted interstate, must provide an original medical examiner's certificate to one of the (47) Secretary of State CDL Facilities prior to the issuance, renewal, upgrade or replacement of a CDL, but in no event not later than January 30, 2014. Failure to self-certify or to provide a medical examiner's certificate, if applicable, will result in the downgrade of your CDL to a non-CDL license. When a driver has certified to non-excepted interstate requirements, the downgrade of the CDL to a non-CDL status will occur automatically if the CDL holder's medical examiner's certificate expires and a new medical examiner's certificate has not been provided to the Secretary of State.

On the back of this notice is a guide that will help drivers determine what self-certification category applies. The Illinois Secretary of State's Office is not responsible for determining what type of driving in which a CDL holder engages-- **this is the sole responsibility of the driver.**

- For a complete list of these rules and regulations, refer to 49 CFR 383.71.
- Initial self-certification and submission of a medical examiner's certificate, if applicable, can only be done in person at one of 47 CDL facilities. Any subsequent self-certification and submission of a medical examiner's certificate may be done at one of 47 CDL facilities or may be mailed to the Special License/Driving Record Unit in Springfield. If a CDL holder elects to mail a new medical examiner's certificate, he or she must do so thirty days prior to expiration of the current medical examiner's certificate. If a medical certificate expires and the driver has not provided the Secretary of State the CDL will be canceled.

CDL Self-Certification Categories

This information is provided as a guide to help CDL holders determine how to self-certify when applying for a CDL on or after January 30, 2012. It is the driver's responsibility to determine how he or she will self-certify to the Secretary of State.

What is deemed **Interstate** transportation?

- Between a place in a State and place outside of such State including a place outside of the United States; or
- Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States; or
- Between two places in a state as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside the State or the United States.

There are four CDL self-certification categories:

1. **Non-expected Interstate (NI)** – Engaged in interstate commerce and meets 49 CFR Part 391 requirements (Must provide the Secretary of State with the original medical examiner's certificate);
 - a) All Class A, B, or C drivers who do **not** fall under any of the other categories.
 - b) All Class A, B, or C drivers granted a federal vision or diabetes exemption; or SPE-limb impairment (Skill Performance Evaluation).
2. **Excepted Interstate (EI)** – Engaged in interstate commerce and excepted from 49 CFR Part 391 requirements (Does not need to provide the Secretary of State with a medical examiner's certificate);
 - a) School bus operations. Use Category 2 if crossing state lines, or Category 4 if **NOT** crossing state lines. Medical Certificate must be carried by the driver in both cases.
 - b) Transportation performed by the Federal government, a State, or any political subdivision of a State.
 - c) Occasional transportation of personal property by individuals not for compensation nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.
 - d) The transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons.
 - e) The operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations.
 - f) A 9 to 15 passenger van, including the driver, weight less than 26,001 gross vehicle weight rating not for compensation. For compensation, must stay within a 75 air-mile radius of the driver's normal work reporting location.
 - g) Apiarian industries (Beekeepers).
 - h) Farm custom operations (Custom Harvesters).
 - i) Farm vehicle drivers operating straight trucks in interstate commerce that meet the definition of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) as defined in 49 CFR Part 390.5 within 150 miles of their farm are exempt from the medical certification requirements.
 - j) Private motor carrier of passengers (non-business). For example, organizations exempt from the Internal Revenue Code that provide transportation for their members.
 - k) Emergency delivery of propane winter heating fuel and pipeline response.
 - l) Drivers of migrant workers (must meet minimum standards only; 49 CFR 398.3).
3. **Non-expected Intrastate (NA)** – Engaged in intrastate commerce and subject to State requirements as in law today.
4. **Excepted Intrastate (EA)** – Motor carriers while engaged in intrastate commerce and excepted from all or part of State safety requirements.