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Department of Transportation and
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Measurement Standards and
Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This responds to your inquiry about exemptions from the **VISION** standard in Alaska to operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) in **INTRASTATE** commerce. To obtain this exemption, you must be qualified under all of the other physical standards in 49 CFR 391.41. The information you must submit, which is listed below, will enable us to evaluate the safety impact of any exemption.

Here is the specific information which you must submit to the Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (MS&CVE).

Name: (First name, middle initial, last name)

Mailing Address: (House number and street name, City, State, and Zip code)

Telephone number: (Area code and number) and an E-mail or Fax number _____

Date of Birth: (Month, day, and year)

Your application must include supporting documents listed below:

1. Your driving record for the 3-year period from DMV:

2. A medical examiner's certificate, from a medical examiner, that bears the statement
"Medically unqualified unless accompanied by a Federal/State Vision Exemption".

3. You must have been examined by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist in the last 3 months. The documentation required is a signed statement on letterhead by the ophthalmologist or optometrist which:

(a). Identifies and defines the nature of the vision deficiency, including how long you have had the deficiency;

(b). States the date of examination;

(c). Certifies that the visual deficiency is stable;

(d). Identifies the visual acuity of each eye, corrected and uncorrected;

(e). Certifies that in his/her medical opinion, you have sufficient vision to perform the driving tasks required to operate a **commercial vehicle**.

4. A signed statement from you stating you've operated a CMV on Alaska's public highways prior to 1992. **In addition, your application must contain the following statement:** "I acknowledge that I must be otherwise qualified under 49 CFR 391.41(b) (1-13) or hold another valid medical exemption before I can legally operate a commercial motor vehicle in **INTRASTATE** commerce."

Please send the above information to:

Division of Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement,
11900 Industry Way, Building M,
Anchorage, AK 99515-3592
FAX (907) 365-1220

Upon receipt of current and complete information, an evaluation for an exemption from the state vision standard will be conducted, and you will be notified of the results. If you do not provide this information, your application will be returned or rejected. An exemption may be issued for a maximum of 1 year, but may be renewed at the discretion of the MS&CVE.

Any exemption issued in response to your application is valid for operations only within Alaska. It does not exempt you from the physical qualifications from any bordering jurisdiction.

If you have any questions, please call Sgt. Jess Seward @ (907) 428-2020.

Sincerely,

Daniel Byrd, Chief
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