

## Guidance: Missouri Commercial Driver's License and Medical Certification

Federal law says states must store DOT medical certification status in commercial driver's license computer systems. One step of the process requires Missouri CDL holders to self-certify with the Missouri Department of Revenue which of four types of CDL best describes the driver's situation.

Visit [www.modot.org/mcs/CDLMed](http://www.modot.org/mcs/CDLMed) or use the information below to make a choice.

The four choices are:

- ▶ **Non-excepted Interstate (NI)** - *the most common* – Drivers who are required to follow federal medical certification requirements (DOT card).
- ▶ **Non-excepted Intrastate (NA)** – Drivers operating wholly within Missouri who must meet the federal DOT medical card requirements.
- ▶ **Excepted Interstate (EI)**– Drivers who are not required to comply with Federal medical card rules due to a federal exception from medical requirements.
- ▶ **Excepted Intrastate (EA)** – Drivers operating wholly within Missouri who do not have to meet the Federal medical card requirements due to a Missouri state exception.

### Interstate or Intrastate

If you ever operate a CMV in a state other than Missouri or haul a load that began or will end up in another state or country, certify as an *interstate* driver. If you operate only in Missouri, hauling loads that originate and end completely within the state, you're an *intrastate* driver.

### Interstate excepted or non-excepted

You operate in *excepted interstate* commerce when you drive a CMV in interstate commerce only for certain activities, the most common of which are:

- To transport school children and/or school staff between home and school.
- As federal, state or local government employees.
- Fire truck or rescue vehicle drivers during emergencies and other activities.
- A truck that is controlled and operated not-for-hire by a farmer, when specific conditions apply.
- You hold a CDL but do not operate a commercial motor vehicle.

If any of the above activities are the only operation in which you drive, you operate in *excepted interstate* commerce and do not need a federal medical examiner's certificate. Most other drivers operate in *non-excepted interstate* commerce and must provide a current medical examiner's certificate to DOR. If both apply, choose *non-excepted interstate*.

### Intrastate Excepted or Non-Excepted

You operate in *excepted intrastate* commerce if you drive a CMV only in intrastate commerce activities that do not require you to have a medical examination due to a Missouri state exception. All other intrastate drivers operate in non-excepted intrastate commerce.

If you held a Chauffeur's license prior to May 13, 1988 and have a "K" restriction printed on your CDL, you are exempt from the need to have a DOT medical card and should certify as being *excepted intrastate* (EA).

# CDL Q and A

## **What if I am an existing CDL holder who does not have a license renewal, before January 30, 2014?**

The Department of Revenue will mail out postcard notifications telling you to go to the local license office to provide self-certification of your operating status by a certain deadline. If required, you must also provide your current medical examiner's certificate and any variance (waiver) document.

## **After I provide my unexpired medical examiner's certificate to DOR, do I still have to carry an original or copy of my medical examiner's certificate?**

Yes, until the program is fully implemented on January 30, 2014 you must carry an original or copy of the medical examiner's certificate and provide a copy to your employer for your driver qualification file.

## **What if I do not provide my self-certification and if required, my medical examiner's certificate and any required variance (waiver) document?**

DOR will notify you that you are no longer medically certified to operate a CMV. The Department will then remove all CDL privileges from your license.

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

You must have a new medical examination and obtain a new medical certificate. You must then provide a new medical examiner's certificate to DOR. You are also responsible for applying to FMCSA for a renewal of your variance (waiver).

## **What happens if my medical certificate or variance (waiver) expires before I provide a new one?**

DOR will notify you that you are no longer medically certified to operate a CMV. The Department will then remove all CDL privileges from your license.

## **How can I get my CDL privileges back if I am non-certified?**

If the medical examiner's certificate expired, you must obtain a new one and provide it to DOR. If the variance (waiver) expired, you must renew it with FMCSA. Retesting may not be required unless you voluntarily downgrade your license or let your CDL license remain expired for more than six months.

## **Can I drive if I have a CDL and don't update my medical certification?**

DOR will downgrade your license to whatever class you held prior to obtaining a CDL. You must work with DOR to upgrade your license to the proper status before operating a CMV.

## **I'm still not sure what to do. Where can I go for more help?**

Visit MoDOT's Web page, [www.modot.org/mcs/CDLMed](http://www.modot.org/mcs/CDLMed). An online quiz will help you determine your driving status. Answer a few simple questions and receive a simple answer.

