



FMCSA Regulatory Update

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CDL Training Grants for Veterans

- FY 2015 – FMCSA awarded \$1 million in grants to 9 technical and community colleges around the country to help recruit, train and place returning military veterans in CMV driving careers.
- FL, IL, MN, MO, NE, PA (2), TX, VA.
- CMV training grants were originally authorized by SAFETEA-LU and the authorization was continued in MAP-21.

CDL Training Grants (Continued)

- January 2016 – FMCSA issued its Notice of Funding Availability for FY 2016 training grants.
- FY 2016 National Priority:
 - Training current and former members of the Armed Forces, including National Guard and Reservists;
 - Spouses and children of service members are also eligible for training.

MAP-21 CDL Rulemaking for Military Drivers *(March 16, 2016)*

- First, it would extend the time in which former military personnel are allowed to apply for a skills test waiver from the 90 days currently allowed by 49 CFR 383.77 to 1 year
- This would make permanent a temporary, 1-year application period which was allowed as an exemption in response to a petition from the State of Virginia, granted on July 8, 2014 [79 FR 38659].

MAP-21 CDL Rulemaking (Cont.)

- Second, it would allow active duty service members operating in a Military Occupational Specialty as full-time CMV drivers who are stationed outside their State of domicile to apply for a CLP or CDL in the State where they are stationed.
- The State where the service member is stationed and applies would coordinate with the State of domicile to enable the service member to complete all of the application and testing requirements for a CLP or CDL.

Missouri Department of Revenue

Application for Exemption

(April 20, 2016)

- FMCSA requested public comment on Missouri's exemption application.
- The exemption from the CDL knowledge test would cover qualified veterans who worked in a Military Occupational Specialty as a CMV driver, participated in certain military training programs.
- FMCSA will request comments whether the exemption, if granted, should cover all State Driver's Licensing Agencies.

National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners (NRCME)

- **April 20, 2012** – Final rule to establish minimum training and testing requirements for all medical examiners who issue medical certificates for interstate truck and bus drivers.
- **May 21, 2014** (*Compliance date*) – All medical cards issued on or after that date must be provided by examiners on the registry.
- Examiners must complete training course and testing, and submit medical certificate information to FMCSA on everyone who applies for a medical card.

National Registry Statistics: May 21, 2014 – February 1, 2016

- 46,000 certified examiners (completed the training and testing)
- 8,567,502 medical examinations were conducted.
 - 8,282,711 drivers received medical certificates (96.7%)
 - 5,043,107 (60.9%), 2-year medical cards
 - 2,654,873 (32.0%), 1-year medical cards
 - 454,614 (5.5%), 3-month medical cards
 - 130,117 (1.6%), < 3-month medical cards
 - 212,443 drivers were temporarily disqualified (2.5%).
 - 70,279 drivers were medically disqualified (0.8%).

National Registry II

(Final Rule)

- On April 23, 2015, FMCSA published the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule (*80 FR 22790*).
 - Require medical examiners to submit medical certificates to FMCSA on a daily basis for each driver they examine.
 - FMCSA will transmit the medical certificates to the State driver licensing agencies for CDL holders (June 2018).
 - State licensing agencies will also be able to download the medical certificates from FMCSA for CDL holders and CDL applicants (June 2018).
- The rule will decrease the risks of falsification of medical cards.

National Registry

(FAST Act – Veterans Administration)

- Section 5403 – Veterans may obtain their medical certificates to operate CMVs in interstate commerce from the VA. The VA doctor must:
 - Be employed by the VA;
 - Be familiar with the standards for medical certification;
 - Have never “acted fraudulently.”
- DOT must develop a process for qualified physicians to perform medical exams and provide medical certificates – including listing on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners.



Obstructive Sleep Apnea

(ANPRM, March 10, 2016)

FMCSA and FRA jointly issued the ANPRM to gather information about:

- The prevalence of moderate-to-severe obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) among individuals occupying safety sensitive positions in rail and highway transportation;
- The potential economic impact and safety benefits associated with regulatory actions that would result in transportation workers in these positions, who exhibit multiple risk factors for OSA, undergoing evaluation by a healthcare professional with expertise in sleep disorders, and subsequent treatment.

Questions

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