

Respondents are Social Security recipients engaged in farming activities outside the United States.

*Type of Request:* Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-7163A-F4 .....	1,000	1	60	1,000

2. Internet Direct Deposit Application—31 CFR 210—0960—0634. SSA requires all applicants and recipients of Social Security Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefits, or SSI payments to receive these benefits and payments via direct deposit at a financial institution. SSA receives Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer (DD/EFT) enrollment information from OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients to facilitate DD/EFT

of their funds with their chosen financial institution. We also use this information when an enrolled individual wishes to change their DD/EFT information. For the convenience of the respondents, we collect this information through several modalities, including an Internet application, in-office or telephone interviews, and our automated telephone system. In addition to using the direct deposit information to enable DD/EFT of funds

to the recipient's chosen financial institution, we also use the information through our Direct Deposit Fraud Indicator to ensure the correct recipient receives the funds. Respondents are OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients requesting that we enroll them in the Direct Deposit program or change their direct deposit banking information.

*Type of Request:* Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
Internet DD .....	188,129	1	10	31,355
Non-Electronic Services (FO, 800#-ePath, MSSICS, SPS, MACADE, POS, RPS) .....	6,455,815	1	12	1,291,163
Automated 800# Response System .....	237,065	1	8	31,609
Direct Deposit Fraud Indicator .....	10,000	1	2	333
Totals .....	6,891,009	.....	.....	1,354,460

3. International Direct Deposit—31 CFR 210—0960—0686. SSA's International Direct Deposit (IDD) Program allows beneficiaries living abroad to receive their payments via direct deposit to an account at a financial institution outside the United States. SSA uses Form SSA-1199-

(Country) to enroll title II beneficiaries residing abroad in IDD, and to obtain the direct deposit information for foreign accounts. Routing account number information varies slightly for each foreign country, so we use a variation of the Treasury Department's Form SF-1199A for each country. The

respondents are Social Security beneficiaries residing abroad who want SSA to deposit their benefits payments directly to a foreign financial institution.

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SSA-1199-(Country) .....	5,000	1	5	417

Dated: March 28, 2013.

**Faye Lipsky,**

Reports Clearance Director, Social Security Administration.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 8266]

**Designation & Determination Pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act; Concerning the Provision of Application Services for Visas, Passports and Similar Documents by Private Entities to Foreign Missions in the United States**

Sections 202(a), 203, 204, and 207 of the Foreign Missions Act (codified at 22 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*) (hereinafter "the Act") authorize the Secretary of State to

designate benefits and provide or assist in the grant of benefits for or on behalf of a foreign mission. Therefore, pursuant to such authority, vested in me by Delegation of Authority No. 198, dated September 16, 1992, in order to protect the interests of the United States and to adjust for costs and procedures of obtaining benefits for missions of the United States abroad, I hereby designate the provision of application services with respect to visas, passports and similar documents by private entities on behalf of foreign missions in the United States as a benefit under the Act. For

this purpose, such application services include, but are not limited to, appointment management, fee collection, document delivery, and the collection of biometric data from applicants.

Additionally, I hereby determine the provision of such application services by private entities for foreign missions in the United States to be subject to such terms and conditions as may be established by the Department's Office of Foreign Missions and that any state or local laws to the contrary are hereby preempted.

In accordance with § 211(a) of the Act, it shall be unlawful for any person to make available any benefits to a foreign mission that are contrary to the Act. The United States, acting on its own behalf or on behalf of a foreign mission, has standing to bring or intervene in an action to obtain compliance with this chapter, including any action for injunctive or other equitable relief.

Dated: March 18th, 2013.

**Patrick F. Kennedy,**

*Under Secretary for Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0011]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to exempt 19 individuals from its rule prohibiting persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) from operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. The exemptions will enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions are effective April 2, 2013. The exemptions expire on April 2, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Elaine M. Papp, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Room W64-224, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and/or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of DOT's dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, or other entity). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2010 (75 FR 82132), or you may visit <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-12-29/pdf/2010-32876.pdf>.

#### Background

On February 4, 2013, FMCSA published a notice of receipt of Federal diabetes exemption applications from 19 individuals and requested comments from the public (78 FR 7852). The public comment period closed on March 6, 2013, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of the 19 applicants and determined that granting the exemptions to these individuals would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3).

#### Diabetes Mellitus and Driving Experience of the Applicants

The Agency established the current requirement for diabetes in 1970 because several risk studies indicated that drivers with diabetes had a higher rate of crash involvement than the general population. The diabetes rule provides that "A person is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus currently requiring insulin for control" (49 CFR 391.41(b)(3)).

FMCSA established its diabetes exemption program, based on the Agency's July 2000 study entitled "A Report to Congress on the Feasibility of a Program to Qualify Individuals with Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus to

Operate in Interstate Commerce as Directed by the Transportation Act for the 21st Century." The report concluded that a safe and practicable protocol to allow some drivers with ITDM to operate CMVs is feasible. The September 3, 2003 (68 FR 52441), **Federal Register** notice in conjunction with the November 8, 2005 (70 FR 67777), **Federal Register** notice provides the current protocol for allowing such drivers to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

These 19 applicants have had ITDM over a range of 4 to 44 years. These applicants report no severe hypoglycemic reactions resulting in loss of consciousness or seizure, requiring the assistance of another person, or resulting in impaired cognitive function that occurred without warning symptoms, in the past 12 months and no recurrent (2 or more) severe hypoglycemic episodes in the past 5 years. In each case, an endocrinologist verified that the driver has demonstrated a willingness to properly monitor and manage his/her diabetes mellitus, received education related to diabetes management, and is on a stable insulin regimen. These drivers report no other disqualifying conditions, including diabetes-related complications. Each meets the vision requirement at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The qualifications and medical condition of each applicant were stated and discussed in detail in the February 4, 2013, **Federal Register** notice and they will not be repeated in this notice.

#### Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

#### Basis for Exemption Determination

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) if the exemption is likely to achieve an equivalent or greater level of safety than would be achieved without the exemption. The exemption allows the applicants to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

To evaluate the effect of these exemptions on safety, FMCSA considered medical reports about the applicants' ITDM and vision, and reviewed the treating endocrinologists' medical opinion related to the ability of the driver to safely operate a CMV while using insulin.

Consequently, FMCSA finds that in each case exempting these applicants from the diabetes requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.