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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2001-9258; FMCSA-2001-10578; FMCSA-2003-15268; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2005-21254; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2007-0017; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2009-0121; FMCSA-2009-0154; FMCSA-2009-0206; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2010-0372; FMCSA-2011-0189; FMCSA-2011-0298; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-26690; FMCSA-2013-0166; FMCSA-2013-0167; FMCSA-2013-0168; FMCSA-2013-0169; FMCSA-2013-0170; FMCSA-2014-0297; FMCSA-2014-0303; FMCSA-2015-0049; FMCSA-2015-0055; FMCSA-2015-0056; FMCSA-2015-0070; FMCSA-2015-0071; FMCSA-2015-0072; FMCSA-2015-0344; FMCSA-2015-0345; FMCSA-2017-0017; FMCSA-2017-0023; FMCSA-2017-0024]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 90 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Documents and Comments

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Insert the docket number, FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2001-9258; FMCSA-2001-10578; FMCSA-2003-15268; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2005-21254; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2007-0017; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2009-0121; FMCSA-2009-0154; FMCSA-2009-0206; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2010-0372; FMCSA-2011-0189; FMCSA-2011-0298; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-26690; FMCSA-2013-0166; FMCSA-2013-0167; FMCSA-2013-0168; FMCSA-2013-0169; FMCSA-2013-0170; FMCSA-2014-0297; FMCSA-2014-0303; FMCSA-2015-0049; FMCSA-2015-0055; FMCSA-2015-0056; FMCSA-2015-0070; FMCSA-2015-0071; FMCSA-2015-0072; FMCSA-2015-0344; FMCSA-2015-0345; FMCSA-2017-0017; FMCSA-2017-0023; or FMCSA-2017-0024, in the keyword box, and click "Search." Next, click the "Open Docket Folder" button and choose the document to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Operations in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.transportation.gov/privacy.

II. Background

On December 13, 2020, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 90 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (84 FR 68288). The public comment period ended on January 13, 2020, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation § 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in § 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 90 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt the following drivers from the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10).

As of January 3, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 51 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (57 FR 57266; 64 FR 54948; 64 FR 68195; 65 FR 159; 65 FR 20251; 65 FR 57230; 66 FR 17743; 66 FR 33990; 66 FR 53826; 66 FR 66966; 66 FR 66969; 67 FR 17102; 68 FR 35772; 68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860; 68 FR 69432; 68 FR 69434; 69 FR 62741; 70 FR 30999; 70 FR 33937; 70 FR 46567; 70 FR 53412; 70 FR 57353; 70 FR 61165; 70 FR 72689; 70 FR 74102; 71 FR 644; 71 FR 14566; 71 FR 30227; 71 FR 62147; 72 FR 32705; 72 FR 39879; 72 FR 40359; 72 FR 52419; 72 FR 52421; 72 FR 62897; 72 FR 64273; 72 FR 71995; 73 FR 20245; 73 FR 27014; 73 FR 75806; 74 FR 26461; 74 FR 26464; 74 FR 34074; 74 FR 34630; 74 FR 37295; 74 FR 41971; 74 FR 43217; 74 FR 48343; 74 FR 49069; 74 FR 53581; 74 FR 57551; 74 FR 60021; 74 FR 62632; 74 FR 65847; 75 FR 50799; 76 FR 7894; 76 FR 8809; 76 FR 20078; 76 FR 34135; 76 FR 37168; 76 FR 44653; 76 FR 53708; 76 FR 54530; 76 FR 55465; 76 FR 62143; 76 FR 64169; 76 FR 64171; 76 FR 66123; 76 FR 67246; 76 FR 70210; 76 FR 70215; 76 FR 75942; 76 FR 75943; 76 FR 79760; 78 FR 16762; 78 FR 18667; 78 FR 51268; 78 FR 62935; 78 FR 63302; 78 FR 64274; 78 FR 64280;

78 FR 65032; 78 FR 66099; 78 FR 67452; 78 FR 68137; 78 FR 76395; 78 FR 76705; 78 FR 77778; 78 FR 77780; 78 FR 77782; 78 FR 78477; 79 FR 4531; 79 FR 63211; 80 FR 2471; 80 FR 14240; 80 FR 16500; 80 FR 31636; 80 FR 33324; 80 FR 37718; 80 FR 44188; 80 FR 48402; 80 FR 48413; 80 FR 49302; 80 FR 50917; 80 FR 59225; 80 FR 59230; 80 FR 62161; 80 FR 63869; 80 FR 67472; 80 FR 67476; 80 FR 67481; 80 FR 70060; 80 FR 80443; 81 FR 1284; 81 FR 11642; 81 FR 15401; 81 FR 15404; 81 FR 16265; 82 FR 18818; 82 FR 20962; 82 FR 32919; 82 FR 37499; 82 FR 43647; 82 FR 47312; 83 FR 2289; 83 FR 2306; 83 FR 3861; 83 FR 4537; 83 FR 6922);

Juan D. Adame (TX)

Michael J. Altobelli (CT)

Lawrence A. Angle (MO)

Stephen W. Barrows (OR)

Jason W. Bowers (OR)

Kenneth E. Bross (MO)

Stacey J. Buckingham (ID)

Benny J. Burke (AL)

Ryan J. Burnworth (MO)

Michael D. Champion (VT)

Ryan M. Coelho (RI)

David J. Comeaux (LA)

Duane C. Conway (NV)

William J. Corder (NC)

Jose C. Costa (WA)

Thomas R. Crocker (SC)

Kenneth D. Daniels (PA)

James D. Davis (OH)

Brad M. Donald (MI)

Dominic F. Giordano (CT)

Jeffrey A. Keefer (OH)

Martin D. Keough (NY)

Purvis W. Kills Enemy At Night (SD)

Richard L. Loeffelholz (WI)

Herman G. Lovell (OR)

Thomas P. Maio (MA)

Herman C. Mash (NC)

Christopher V. May (GA)

James F. McMahon, Jr. (NH)

Terry W. Moore (LA)

Steven D. O'Donnell (NJ)

Dennis R. Ohl (MO)

John R. Price (AR)

Francis D. Reginald (NJ)

Danilo A. Rivera (MD)

Michael J. Robinson (WV)

Ronald L. Roy (IL)

Ralph J. Schmitt (CO)

Jarrold R. Seirer (KS)

Eugene D. Self, Jr. (NC)

Levi A. Shetler (OH)

Roye T. Skelton (MS)

Paul D. Stoddard (NY)

Stanley W. Tyler, Jr. (NC)

Cesar Villa-Navarrete (NM)

James H. Wallace, Sr. (FL)

Stephen H. Ward (MO)

Dennis E. White (PA)

Lorenzo A. Williams (DE)

James J. Wyles (NC)

Walter M. Yohn, Jr. (AL)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA-1999-6156; FMCSA-

1999-6480; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2001-9258; FMCSA-2001-10578; FMCSA-2003-15892; FMCSA-2005-21254; FMCSA-2005-22194; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2009-0121; FMCSA-2009-0154; FMCSA-2009-0206; FMCSA-2010-0372; FMCSA-2011-0189; FMCSA-2011-26690; FMCSA-2013-0166; FMCSA-2013-0168; FMCSA-2013-0169; FMCSA-2014-0297; FMCSA-2014-0303; FMCSA-2015-0049; FMCSA-2015-0055; FMCSA-2015-0056; FMCSA-2015-0070; FMCSA-2015-0071; FMCSA-2015-0072; FMCSA-2017-0017; and FMCSA-2017-0023. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 3, 2020, and will expire on January 3, 2022.

As of January 5, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (76 FR 70213; 77 FR 541; 78 FR 74223; 80 FR 80443; 83 FR 6922):

George G. Ulferts, Jr. (IA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA-2011-0298. The exemption is applicable as of January 5, 2020, and will expire on January 5, 2022.

As of January 8, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following seven individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (72 FR 67340; 73 FR 1395; 74 FR 65845; 76 FR 78728; 78 FR 76704; 80 FR 76345; 80 FR 80443; 81 FR 60117; 83 FR 6922):

Wayne A. Burnett (NC)

George R. Cornell (OH)

Thomas E. Gross (PA)

Steven G. Hall (NC)

Jason Huddleston (TX)

Martin Postma (IL)

Phillip D. Satterfield (GA)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA-2007-0017; and FMCSA-2015-0344. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 8, 2020, and will expire on January 8, 2022.

As of January 11, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (82 FR 58262; 83 FR 15232):

Eric J. Andersen (FL)

Darin P. Ball (NY)

Larry W. Buchanan (NM)

Christopher T. Peevyhouse (TN)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2017-0024. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 11, 2020, and will expire on January 11, 2022.

As of January 15, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following five individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (78 FR 64271; 79 FR 2748; 80 FR 80443; 83 FR 6922):

Terry L. Cliffe (IL)

Adam S. Larson (CO)

Glenn H. Lewis (OH)

Leonardo Lopez (NE)

Roy A. Whitaker (TX)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2013-0167. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 15, 2020, and will expire on January 15, 2022.

As of January 21, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (80 FR 79414; 81 FR 44680; 83 FR 6922):

Therron K. Billings (VA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA-2015-0345. The exemption is applicable as of January 21, 2020, and will expire on January 21, 2022.

As of January 23, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (78 FR 67454; 79 FR 4803; 81 FR 15401; 83 FR 6922):

Leonard A. Martin (NV)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA-2013-0170. The exemption is applicable as of January 23, 2020, and will expire on January 23, 2022.

As of January 24, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (76 FR 73769; 77 FR 3547; 79 FR 2247; 80 FR 80443; 83 FR 6922):

Marion J. Coleman, Jr. (KY); Lex A.

Fabrizio (UT); and Mark A. Ferris (IA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2011-0299. Their

exemptions are applicable as of January 24, 2020, and will expire on January 24, 2022.

As of January 27, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (68 FR 52811; 68 FR 61860; 70 FR 48801; 70 FR 61165; 70 FR 71884; 71 FR 4632; 72 FR 58359; 73 FR 1395; 73 FR 5259; 74 FR 64124; 74 FR 65845; 75 FR 1451; 77 FR 545; 78 FR 78475; 80 FR 80443; 83 FR 6922):

John E. Kimmet, Jr. (WA)
Jason L. Light (ID)
Michael J. Richard (LA)
Robert E. Sanders (PA)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2003–15269; FMCSA–2003–15892; and FMCSA–2005–22727. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 27, 2020, and will expire on January 27, 2022.

As of January 28, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (74 FR 60022; 75 FR 4623; 77 FR 543; 78 FR 76707; 80 FR 80443; 83 FR 6922):

James A. DuBay (MI)
Donald E. Halvorson (NM)
Phillip J. Locke (CO)
Brian T. Nelson (MN)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2009–0303. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 28, 2020, and will expire on January 28, 2022.

As of January 29, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following nine individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (78 FR 67454; 79 FR 4803; 80 FR 80443; 83 FR 6922):

Calvin J. Barbour (NY)
Walter A. Breeze (OH)
Donald G. Carstensen (IA)
Jamie D. Daniels (IA)
Michael L. Fiamingo (PA)
Randy G. Kinney (IL)
Hector Marquez (TX)
Hershel D. Volentine (LA)
Gary D. Vollertsen (CO)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0170. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 29, 2020, and will expire on January 29, 2022.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid

for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2020–0045]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from six individuals for an exemption from the prohibition in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) against persons with a clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition that is likely to cause a loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) to drive in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 9, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Operations Docket No. FMCSA–2020–0045 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2020-0045>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200

New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA–2020–0045), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <http://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2020-0045>. Click on the “Comment Now!” button and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.