

less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5—1951.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid, 35 FR 6458, 6463 (Apr. 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 23 renewal exemption applications, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41 (b)(11).

As of December 26, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 23 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (86 FR 74213):

Mario Alvarado (CA)
Kaseth Andrews (MA)
Denis Ayers (MD)
Joseph Bence (OH)
Daryl A. Broker (MN)
Justin Brooks (WA)
Christa Butner (NC)
William Darnell (AZ)
Travis Davisson (IA)
Erik De Leon (TX)
Mitchell Estill (MO)
Paul Hoover (PA)
Amy Ivins (NE)
James Johnson (MN)
Keith Kenyon (WI)
Nicholas Kulasa (IL)
John Martikainen (CT)
John Silvers (NY)
Michael Swetnam (TX)
Mark Tabangcora (CA)
Yvon Victor (NJ)
Jeremy Williams (CA)
Joseph Williams (MD)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2017–0058, FMCSA–2018–0136, FMCSA–2018–0138, FMCSA–2018–0139, FMCSA–2019–0109, or FMCSA–2019–0110. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 26, 2021 and will expire on December 26, 2023.

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).

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2006–25854; FMCSA–2010–0203; FMCSA–2013–0106; FMCSA–2013–0107; FMCSA–2013–0108; FMCSA–2015–0117; FMCSA–2015–0119; FMCSA–2017–0178; FMCSA–2017–0181; FMCSA–2017–0251; FMCSA–2018–0052]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 14 individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.” The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

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, fmcamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, DOT, 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 Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number, FMCSA–2006–25854, FMCSA–2010–0203, FMCSA–2013–0106, FMCSA–2013–0107, FMCSA–2013–0108, FMCSA–2015–0117, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2017–0178, FMCSA–2017–0181, FMCSA–2017–0251, or FMCSA–2018–0052 in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older).” choose the first notice listed, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory 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 29, 2021, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 14 individuals from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (86 FR 74211). The public comment period ended on January 28, 2022, 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 § 391.41(b)(8).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in § 391.41(b)(8) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical

history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria¹ to assist medical examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 14 renewal exemption applications, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8).

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of December and are discussed below.

As of December 16, 2021, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 11 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (86 FR 74211):

Eric Barnwell (MI)
Christopher Bird (OH)
Gary Clark (KY)
Todd Davis (WI)
Scott DeJarnette (KY)
Gary J. Gress (PA)
Curtis Alan Hartman (MD)
Wendell F. Headley (MO)
Jason Kirkham (WI)
Dannie Kuck (MT)
Robert Spencer (FL)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2010–0203, FMCSA–2013–0106, FMCSA–2013–0107, FMCSA–2015–0117, FMCSA–2015–0119, FMCSA–2017–0178, FMCSA–2017–0181, FMCSA–2017–0251, or FMCSA–2018–0052. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 16, 2021 and will expire on December 16, 2023.

As of December 23, 2021, 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 epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (86 FR 74211):

Gary Freeman (WI)
Aaron Gillette (SD)
David Kestner (VA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2006–25854 or FMCSA–2013–0108. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 23, 2021 and will expire on December 23, 2023.

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).

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[DOT–NHTSA–2021–0081]

National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the National Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council (NEMSAC).

DATES: The meeting will be virtual. It will be held March 2–3, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Pre-registration is required to attend this meeting. A link permitting access to the meeting will be distributed to registrants within 24 hours of the meeting start time. If you wish to speak during the meeting, you must submit a written copy of your remarks to DOT by February 24, 2022.

Other scheduled NEMSAC meeting dates in 2022 session include May 11 and 12; August 10 and 11; and November 2 and 3. Notifications containing specific details for each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** no later than 30 days prior to the respective meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held virtually. General information about the Council is available on the NEMSAC

internet website at www.ems.gov. The registration portal and meeting agenda will be available on the NEMSAC internet website at www.ems.gov at least one week in advance of the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clary Mole, EMS Specialist, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation is available by phone at (202) 868–3275 or by email at Clary.Mole@dot.gov. Any committee-related requests should be sent to the person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The NEMSAC was established pursuant to Section 31108 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP–21) Act of 2012, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of NEMSAC is to serve as a nationally recognized council of emergency medical services (EMS) representatives to provide advice and consult with:

a. The Federal Interagency Committee on Emergency Medical Services (FICEMS) on matters relating to EMS issues; and

b. The Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to EMS issues affecting DOT.

The NEMSAC provides an important national forum for the non-Federal deliberation of national EMS issues and serves as a platform for advice on DOT's national EMS activities. NEMSAC also provides advice and recommendations to the FICEMS. NEMSAC is authorized under Section 31108 of the MAP–21 Act of 2012, codified at 42 U.S.C. 300d–4.

II. Agenda

At the meeting, the agenda will cover the following topics:

- Updates from Federal Emergency Services Liaisons
- Updates on the FICEMS Initiatives
- Updates on NHTSA Initiatives
- Subcommittee Reports

III. Public Participation

This meeting will be open to the public. NHTSA is committed to provide equal access to this meeting for all program participants. Persons with disabilities in need of an accommodation should send your request to the individual in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice no later than February 24, 2022. A sign language interpreter will be provided, and closed captioning services will be provided for this meeting through the WebEx virtual meeting platform.

A period of time will be allotted for comments from members of the public

¹ These criteria may be found in APPENDIX A TO PART 391—MEDICAL ADVISORY CRITERIA, section H. *Epilepsy*: § 391.41(b)(8), paragraphs 3, 4, and 5, which is available on the internet at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title49-vol5/pdf/CFR-2015-title49-vol5-part391-appA.pdf>.