

project is approximately 4.78 miles long. The actions by TxDOT and Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the Categorical Exclusion Determination issued on November 22, 2022, and other documents in the TxDOT project file. The Categorical Exclusion and other documents in the TxDOT project file are available by contacting the TxDOT Waco District Office at 100 South Loop Drive, Waco, TX 76704; telephone: (254) 867-2836.

9. TxDOT, in conjunction with the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW Airport), proposes to construct the East-West Connector (Rental Car Drive) project in eastern Tarrant County, Texas. The proposed roadway has project limits from SH 360 to International Parkway (Spur 97) and would consist of a new four-lane, divided urban arterial roadway. The project length is 1.65 miles. The purpose of the project is to reduce travel times and improve mobility to and from the DFW Airport. The actions by TxDOT and Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the Final Environmental Assessment (EA), the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on September 1, 2022, and other documents in the TxDOT project file. The EA, FONSI, and other documents in the TxDOT project file are available by contacting the TxDOT Fort Worth District Office at 2501 SW Loop 820, Fort Worth, TX 76133; telephone: (817) 370-6772.

10. FM 2220 (Ware Road) from FM 1925 to Mile 5 Road in Hidalgo County, Texas. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and mobility by widening and reconstructing FM 2220 to a six-lane urban facility, to include three 12-foot-wide travel lanes in each direction, 10-foot-wide shoulders, sidewalks, a raised median, and drainage improvements. The proposed project length is approximately 5.4 miles. The actions by TxDOT and Federal agencies and the laws under which such actions were taken are described in the Final Environmental Assessment (EA), the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on October 14, 2022, and other documents in the TxDOT project file. The EA, FONSI, and other documents in the TxDOT project file are available by contacting the TxDOT Pharr District Office at 600 W Expressway 83, Pharr, TX 78577; telephone: (956) 702-6100.

*Authority:* 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0104; FMCSA-2017-0058; FMCSA-2017-0060; FMCSA-2018-0135; FMCSA-2019-0109]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

**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 nine individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions were applicable on November 30, 2022. The exemptions expire on November 30, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov). 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 Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Public Participation

###### A. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number (FMCSA-2014-0104, FMCSA-2017-0058, FMCSA-2017-0060, FMCSA-2018-0135, or FMCSA-2019-0109) 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 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption requests. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

## II. Background

On November 29, 2022, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for nine individuals from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (87 FR 73384). The public comment period ended on December 29, 2022, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in § 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not 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 8, 1971), respectively).

## III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

#### IV. Conclusion

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

As of November 30, 2022, 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 hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (87 FR 73384):

Deonte Blanks (TX)  
 Alan Bridgeford (AZ)  
 Michael Dohanish (OH)  
 Ralph Domel (TX)  
 Bruce Dunn (LA)  
 Teela Gilmore (GA)  
 Gregory Hale (CA)  
 Scott Perdue (GA)  
 Adalberto Rodriguez (NY)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2014–0104, FMCSA–2017–0058, FMCSA–2017–0060, FMCSA–2018–0135, or FMCSA–2019–0109. Their exemptions were applicable as of November 30, 2022 and will expire on November 30, 2024.

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, 49 U.S.C. chapter 313, or the FMCSRs.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0121; FMCSA–2014–0102; FMCSA–2018–0136]

##### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

**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 five individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor

Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions were applicable on December 16, 2022. The exemptions expire on December 16, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov). 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 Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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###### B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption requests. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

##### II. Background

On November 29, 2022, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for five individuals from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV

in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (87 FR 73388). The public comment period ended on December 29, 2022, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in § 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not 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 8, 1971), respectively).

##### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

##### IV. Conclusion

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

As of December 16, 2022, 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 hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (87 FR 73388):

James Dignan (TX)  
 Ahmed Gabr (NC)  
 Arnold Hatton (DE)  
 Fernando Ramirez-Savon (FL)  
 Eric Woods (MD)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2013–0121, FMCSA–2014–0102, or FMCSA–2018–0136. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 16, 2022 and will expire on December 16, 2024.

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