

exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation applicable to interstate commerce that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption. States may, but are not required to, adopt the same exemption with respect to operations in intrastate commerce.

#### E. Termination

FMCSA does not believe the motor carrier, the drivers, and CMVs covered by the exemption will experience any deterioration of their safety records. However, should this occur, FMCSA will take all steps necessary to protect the public interest, including revocation of the exemption without prior notice. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) motor carriers and/or CMV drivers fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) or 31315(b).

The motor carrier must, in addition to existing periodic inspections required by 49 CFR 396.17, periodically inspect the ERVS CMS. Interested parties possessing information that would demonstrate that motor carriers operating CMVs utilizing Convoy's ERVS CMS installed as an alternative to two rear-vision mirrors are not achieving the requisite statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA by email at [MCPSV@DOT.GOV](mailto:MCPSV@DOT.GOV). The Agency will evaluate any such information and, if safety is being compromised or if the continuation of the exemption is not consistent with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption. We encourage drivers operating CMVs under this exemption to carry a copy of the exemption in the vehicle.

#### Sue Lawless,

*Acting Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0123; FMCSA-2013-0125; FMCSA-2013-0126; FMCSA-2014-0102; FMCSA-2014-0107; FMCSA-2015-0327; FMCSA-2015-0328; FMCSA-2015-0329; FMCSA-2017-0057; FMCSA-2017-0059; FMCSA-2017-0060; FMCSA-2018-0139; FMCSA-2019-0109; FMCSA-2019-0110; FMCSA-2020-0024; FMCSA-2020-0025; FMCSA-2022-0032; FMCSA-2022-0033]

#### 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 34 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:** 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, 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

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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 June 11, 2024, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 34 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 (89 FR 49259). The public comment period ended on July 11, 2024, 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 34 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41 (b)(11).

As of June 3, 2024, 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 (89 FR 49259):

Carlos Arellano (CA)  
Michael Beam (MI)  
Arthur Brown (FL)  
Gregory Cane (AZ)  
Gabriel Garza (TX)  
Scott Gentry (FL)  
Michael Quinonez (NM)  
Robert Rollins (NC)  
Roderick Thomas (GA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2017–0057, FMCSA–2019–0110, FMCSA–2013–0126, FMCSA–2022–0032, or FMCSA–2022–0033. Their exemptions were applicable as of June 3, 2024 and will expire on June 3, 2026.

As of June 17, 2024, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 15 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (89 FR 49259):

Paul Aseka (TX)  
Forrest Carroll (OH)  
Glenn Ferguson (TX)  
Ariel Gonzalez (RI)  
Richard Hadlock (IL)  
Jesus Javier (NJ)  
Yoel Lopez-Perez (FL)  
Darren Nordquist (WI)  
Anthony Panto (NJ)  
Ernest Pratt (PA)  
William Symonds (IL)  
Steven Tipton (IA)  
Daniel Tricolici (MA)  
Fernando Velasquez (TX)  
Scott Weeaks (OK)

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As of June 18, 2024, 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 (89 FR 49259):

Joshua Affholter (MI)  
Gantugla Badarch (IL)  
Awash Demoz (MD)  
Charles O'Bryan (NY)  
Kyle Taylor (GA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2020–0025. Their exemptions were applicable as of June 18, 2024 and will expire on June 18, 2026.

As of June 25, 2024, 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 hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (89 FR 49259):

Alfredo Ramirez (TX); Julie Ramirez (TX); and Hayden Teesdale (TX).

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0102. Their exemptions were applicable as of June 25, 2024 and will expire on June 25, 2026.

As of June 29, 2024, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (89 FR 49259):

Leroy Carter (OH); and Richard Fisher (PA).

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2017–0060. Their exemptions were applicable as of June 29, 2024 and will expire on June 29, 2026.

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.

#### Larry W. Minor,

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2024–0011]

#### 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 exempt 11 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions were applicable on July 16, 2024. The exemptions expire on July 16, 2026.

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

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