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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 2120-0042.

*Title:* Aircraft Registration.

*Form Numbers:* Existing AC Forms 8050-1, 8050-1B, 8050-2, 8050-4, 8050-88, 8050-88A, 8050-98 and 8050-117. New AC Forms 8050-88UA and 8050-138.

*Type of Review:* Revision of an existing information collection.

*Background:* Public Law 103-272 states that all aircraft must be registered before they may be flown. It sets forth registration eligibility requirements and provides for applications for registration as well as suspension and/or revocation of registrations. The information collected is used by the FAA to determine eligibility to register an aircraft and record a security interest in a registered aircraft.

The Aircraft Registry has determined there is a need to create two new forms for this collection as follows: AC Form 8050-88UA, Affidavit of Ownership for Unmanned Aircraft (UA) and AC Form 8050-138, Declaration of International Operation (DIO).

The AC Form 8050-88UA was created to make it easier for registration applicants to supply the FAA Aircraft Registry with the minimal information needed to register a UA. Most UA owners don't have the required evidence of ownership to register. The affidavit will be used in lieu of a recordable bill of sale for any new registrations. The registrant may still submit any other proof of ownership with the affidavit or declare that evidence of ownership is not available.

The AC Form 8050-138 was created to allow registrants to request priority handling of their registration documents due to an impending international flight. The Aircraft Registry is required to process all incoming documents in the order of their receipt. Newly registered aircraft may only be flown within the continental United States by

carrying a second copy of the Aircraft Registration Application in the aircraft unless the aircraft has never been on the U.S. Registry. There are instances where applicants need to fly aircraft outside the continental United States. Many of those applicants are major Air Carriers and small businesses. When an applicant files a DIO, the applicants' registration documents will be worked on a priority basis, alleviating any undue hardship. The form will collect the pertinent information of the scheduled international flight.

*Respondents:* Approximately 5,000 international flights and 2,000 new UA applicants annually.

*Frequency:* Information is collected on occasion.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes for each new form.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1,750 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0122; FMCSA-2013-0124; FMCSA-2014-0106; FMCSA-2014-0387; FMCSA-2015-0326; FMCSA-2015-0328; FMCSA-2016-0002; FMCSA-2017-0059; FMCSA-2017-0060; FMCSA-2020-0026; FMCSA-2022-0033; FMCSA-2022-0034]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 15 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. Comments must be received on or before September 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0122, Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0124, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0106, Docket No. FMCSA-2014-0387, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0326, Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0328, Docket No. FMCSA-2016-0002, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0059, Docket No. FMCSA-2017-0060, Docket No. FMCSA-2020-0026, Docket No. FMCSA-2022-0033, or Docket No. FMCSA-2022-0034 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov/](http://www.regulations.gov/), insert the docket number (FMCSA-2013-0122, FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2014-0106, FMCSA-2014-0387, FMCSA-2015-0326, FMCSA-2015-0328, FMCSA-2016-0002, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0060, FMCSA-2020-0026, FMCSA-2022-0033, or FMCSA-2022-0034) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click on the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

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

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- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

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**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. Submitting Comments

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FMCSA–2014–0387, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0326, Docket No. FMCSA–2015–0328, Docket No. FMCSA–2016–0002, Docket No. FMCSA–2017–0059, Docket No. FMCSA–2017–0060, Docket No. FMCSA–2020–0026, Docket No. FMCSA–2022–0033, or Docket No. FMCSA–2022–0034), 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.

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#### B. Viewing Comments

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#### C. 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

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-year period if it finds such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption. The statutes also allow the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver’s medical certification.

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in 49 CFR 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 the 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).

The 15 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the hearing standard in § 391.41(b)(11), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

#### III. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

#### IV. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 15 applicants has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement. The 15 drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency. In addition, for commercial driver’s license (CDL) holders, the Commercial Driver’s License Information System and the Motor Carrier Management Information System are searched for crash and violation data. For non-CDL holders, the Agency reviews the driving records from the State Driver’s Licensing Agency. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver’s ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each of these drivers for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of September and are discussed below. As of September 6, 2024, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 14 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Weston Arthurs (CA)  
 Jerritt Boehle (IL)  
 Barry Carpenter (SD)  
 Michael Cover (MI)  
 Lyle Eash (VA)  
 Richard Hoots (AR)  
 Sean Jackson (AZ)  
 Michael McCarthy (MN)  
 Marcel Paul (WA)  
 Kelly Pulvermacher (WI)  
 D’Nielle Smith (OH)  
 Michael Sweet (GA)  
 Darren Talley (NC)  
 Carlos Torres (FL)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0122, FMCSA–

2013–0124, FMCSA–2014–0106, FMCSA–2014–0387, FMCSA–2015–0326, FMCSA–2015–0328, FMCSA–2016–0002, FMCSA–2017–0059, FMCSA–2017–0060, FMCSA–2022–0033, or FMCSA–2022–0034. Their exemptions are applicable as of September 6, 2024 and will expire on September 6, 2026.

As of September 14, 2024, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), Jonathan Kelly (TX) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

This driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2020–0026. Their exemption is applicable as of September 14, 2024 and will expire on September 14, 2026.

#### V. Conditions and Requirements

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) each driver must report any crashes or accidents as defined in § 390.5T; and (2) report all citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 to FMCSA; and (3) each driver prohibited from operating a motorcoach or bus with passengers in interstate commerce. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. In addition, the exemption does not exempt the individual from meeting the applicable CDL testing requirements. Each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (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 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) and 31315(b).

#### VI. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

#### VII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 15 exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41 (b)(11). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each

exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2024–0014]

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

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

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

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 10 individuals for an exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 30, 2024.

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