

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration**

[FAA–2024–1385]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of a Renewed Approval of Information Collection: General Aviation and Part 135 Activity Survey

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew information collection. The collection enables the FAA to monitor the general aviation fleet to anticipate and meet demand for National Airspace System (NAS) facilities and services, assess the impact of regulatory changes on the fleet, and implement measures to assure the safe operation of all aircraft in the NAS. The data are also used by other government agencies, the general aviation industry, trade associations, and private businesses to identify safety problems and to form the basis for research and analysis of general aviation issues.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by December 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert DeWolf by email at: Robert.D.DeWolf@faa.gov; phone: 202–267–3715.

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.

OMB Control Number: 2120–0060.

Title: General Aviation and Part 135 Activity Survey.

Form Numbers: 1800–54.

Type of Review: Renewal of an information collection.

Background: The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 24th, 2024 (89 FR 52533). The General Aviation and Part 135 Activity Survey (GA Survey) provides the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) information on general aviation and on-demand Part 135 aircraft activity. Title 49, United States Code, empowers the Secretary of Transportation to collect and disseminate information relative to civil aeronautics, to study the possibilities for development of air commerce and the aeronautical industries, and to make long-range plans for, and formulate policy with respect to the orderly development and use of the navigable airspace, radar installations and all other aids for air navigation.

The annual GA Survey questionnaire requests the aircraft owner or operator to provide information on flight activity, flight conditions, where the aircraft was flown, and aircraft characteristics. Survey samples are based on statistically selected aircraft registered with the FAA and located in the U.S. or U.S. territories. The sample is stratified by aircraft type, FAA region in which the aircraft is registered, whether the aircraft operates under a Part 135 certificate, and whether the aircraft was manufactured in the past five years. Select aircraft types and/or sub-populations are sampled at 100%.

Responses are collected from owners and operators of the sampled aircraft through two modes: web-form and mailings of the questionnaire. As a result, aggregated statistical activity estimates are published and provided for analytical use in a myriad of applications and/or industries relating to the flight activity and aviation safety.

Respondents: 39,000 aircraft owners.

Frequency: Annually.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 13,000 Hours.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 13th, 2024.

Robert DeWolf,

Program Manager, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Accident Investigation & Prevention, Program Management Branch (AVP–220).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA–2024–0017]

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 16 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 December 19, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System Docket No. FMCSA–2024–0017 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to www.regulations.gov/, insert the docket number (FMCSA–2024–0017) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, choose the only 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.

- *Hand Delivery:* West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, 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, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4001, 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**

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA–2024–0017), 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 <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2024-0017>. Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the only notice listed, click the “Comment” 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. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

B. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number (FMCSA–2024–0017) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, choose the only 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 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.

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. 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 16 individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

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).

On February 1, 2013, FMCSA announced in a Notice of Final Disposition titled, “Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; National Association of the Deaf,” (78 FR 7479), its decision to grant requests from 40 individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers. Since that time the Agency has published additional notices granting requests from hard of hearing and deaf individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers.

III. Qualifications of Applicants*Bryan Brignac*

Bryan Brignac, 28, holds a class R driver’s license in Mississippi.

Anthony Byrd

Anthony Byrd, 39, holds a class C driver’s license in California.

Margarita Casas

Margarita Casas, 50, holds a class C driver’s license in Texas.

Dorsey Chany

Dorsey Chany, 52, holds a class C driver’s license in Texas.

Ali Elmasri

Ali Elmasri, 34, holds a class C driver’s license in Texas.

Aldin Erskine

Aldin Erskine, 34, holds a class C driver’s license in Texas.

Austin Hughes

Austin Hughes, 22, holds a class DV driver’s license in Alabama.

Milton Hunt

Milton Hunt, 57, holds a class C driver’s license in California.

Irfan Kabir

Irfan Kabir, 38, holds a class A commercial driver’s license in Connecticut.

Raymond Lee

Raymond Lee, 48, holds a class CM driver’s license in Texas.

Leon McClish

Leon McClish, 36, holds a class CM driver’s license in Texas.

Masiel Rodriguez

Masiel Rodriguez, 34, holds a class D driver’s license in Illinois.

Maino Salas

Maino Salas, 42, holds a class C driver’s license in California.

Jasmine Smith

Jasmine Smith, 35, holds a class R driver’s license in Mississippi.

Justin Soliz

Justin Soliz, 33, holds a class C driver’s license in Texas.

Carter Wyant

Carter Wyant, 22, holds a regular driver’s license in Michigan.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA requests public

comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated under the **DATES** section of the notice.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2012-0332; FMCSA-2014-0104; FMCSA-2014-0387; FMCSA-2016-0002; FMCSA-2017-0058; FMCSA-2017-0059; FMCSA-2017-0060; FMCSA-2017-0061; FMCSA-2018-0135; FMCSA-2020-0026; FMCSA-2020-0027; FMCSA-2022-0035]

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 23 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. 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. Insert the docket number (FMCSA-2012-0332, FMCSA-2014-0104, FMCSA-2014-0387, FMCSA-2016-0002, FMCSA-2017-

0058, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0060, FMCSA-2017-0061, FMCSA-2018-0135, FMCSA-2020-0026, FMCSA-2020-0027, or FMCSA-2022-0035) 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 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.

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II. Background

On September 26, 2024, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 23 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 78971). The public comment period ended on October 28, 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 23 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 October 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 78971):

Hagop Balian (IL)
Mataio Brown (MS)
Byron Davis (TX)
Eddie Martinez (TX)
Donnie McEntire (GA)
Willie Miller (IA)
Byron Smith (LA)
Brandon Soto (MO)
Michael Tayman (ME)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2012-0332, FMCSA-2014-0104, FMCSA-2014-0387, FMCSA-2017-0060, FMCSA-2017-0061, FMCSA-2020-0026, FMCSA-2020-0027, or FMCSA-2022-0035. Their exemptions were applicable as of October 3, 2024 and will expire on October 3, 2026.

As of October 13, 2024, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following eight individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (89 FR 78971):

Cory Adkins (FL)
Matthew Albrecht (PA)
Agustin Hernandez (TX)
Jacquelyn Hetherington (OK)
Andrew Hippler (ID)
Jose Ramirez (IL)
Daniel Stroud (UT)
Jason Wynne (TX)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA-2016-0002, FMCSA-2017-0058, FMCSA-2017-0059, FMCSA-2017-0061, or FMCSA-2018-0135. Their exemptions were applicable as of October 13, 2024 and will expire on October 13, 2026.