

Medical Examiner's Certification Integration Final Rule

Impact on Certified Medical Examiners

2015

April 23, 2015:

FMCSA published the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule.

June 22, 2015:

No Exams Conducted

Medical Examiners (MEs) must report to FMCSA, by close of business on the last day of the month, whenever the ME does not complete any examinations during that month.

Driver Examination Forms

MEs are required to continue to use the Medical Examination Report Form and Medical Examiner's Certificate as found on the FMCSA website until December 22, 2015.

Provide Driver with Medical Examiner's Certificate

MEs are required to continue to provide medically qualified commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers with a paper copy of the Medical Examiner's Certificate.

Beginning December 22, 2015:

Driver Examination Forms

FMCSA issues guidance allowing MEs to use both the current and newly revised versions of the Medical Examination Report Form and Medical Examiner's Certificate from **December 22, 2015 until April 20, 2016**.

Results of examinations conducted from **December 22, 2015 until April 20, 2016** must be reported based on the version of the Medical Examination Report Form used. The ME selects the Medical Examination Report Form version used and the system presents the ME with the appropriate version of the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850.

Revised Driver Examination Forms

On and after **April 20, 2016**, MEs are required to use the revised driver examination forms accessible from the National Registry and FMCSA websites:

- **Medical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA-5875**
- **Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC), Form MCSA-5876**

Results of examinations conducted on or after **April 20, 2016** must be reported using the revised electronic CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850.

Provide Driver with MEC

MEs are required to provide medically qualified CMV drivers with a paper copy of the MEC, Form MCSA-5876 so that Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)/Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicants/holders are able to provide a copy to the State Driver's Licensing Agency (SDLA), and the non-CDL drivers are able to provide the documentation to their employers and Federal and State enforcement officials.

Determination Pending

The determination pending status allows the ME up to 45 days to obtain additional medical information and/or examination results in order to make a determination as to whether or not the driver is physically qualified to drive a CMV in accordance with § 391.41(b). If used the ME is required to inform the driver that:

- Additional information must be provided or further examination must be completed within 45 days.
- The Determination Pending status will be reported to FMCSA.

The driver may continue to operate a CMV if he/she has a current valid MEC.

If the requested information and examination results are not completed and provided to the ME within 45 days:

- The examination will no longer be valid.
- The driver is required to obtain a new examination in order to obtain a MEC, Form 5876.

2016

2017

2018

Beginning June 22, 2018:

Electronic Notification of Medical Qualification to SDLAs

The MEC information for CLP/CDL applicants/holders will be electronically transmitted from the National Registry system to the SDLA, eliminating the need to issue a paper MEC to those drivers.

- MEs will still be required to provide the MEC, Form MCSA-5876 to non-CDL drivers and requesting employers, as currently required.

Daily Reporting

MEs are required to report results of each interstate CMV driver's physical examination, including the results of examinations where the driver was found not to be qualified, to FMCSA by midnight local time of the next calendar day following the examination.

- Includes all CMV drivers (CLP/CDL and Non-CLP/CDL) who are required to be medically certified to operate in interstate commerce.
- For intrastate drivers in States that allow variances, the ME may transmit information about examinations performed in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) with any applicable State variances.

Not Medically Qualified

If the ME determines that the driver is not physically qualified to operate a CMV in accordance with § 391.41(b), the ME must:

- Inform the person examined of the determination.
- Inform the person examined that this information will be reported to FMCSA.

All MECs previously issued to the driver are invalid and no longer satisfy the requirements of § 391.41(a).

FMCSA will transmit this report to the SDLA.

The driver will be required to be medically examined and certified before operating a CMV.

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Medical Examiner's Certification Integration Final Rule Changes that Impact Certified Medical Examiners

On April 23, 2015, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) published the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule which was a follow-on rule to both the National Registry final rule and the Medical Certification Requirements as Part of the Commercial Driver's License final rule. Below is a summary of the changes that will impact Certified Medical Examiners (MEs) listed on the National Registry:

June 22, 2015

No exams conducted - Certified MEs are now required to report to FMCSA, by close of business on the last day of the month, whenever the ME does not complete any examinations during that month.

Driver Examination Forms - Certified MEs are required to continue to use the Medical Examination Report (MER) Form and Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) as found on the FMCSA website at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>. Certified MEs are required to continue to provide medically qualified commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers with a paper copy of the MEC. These forms are in effect until **December 22, 2015**.

Examinations conducted up to December 22, 2015

Certified MEs are required to continue to use the current *CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850* when entering results for examinations conducted **prior to December 22, 2015**. Therefore, the National Registry system will automatically present the ME with the current version of the *CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850*.

December 22, 2015

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