

# 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:

### Revised Driver Examination Forms

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 December 22, 2015 must be reported using the revised electronic CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850. When entering results of examinations conducted on or after December 22, 2015, the National Registry system will automatically present the ME with the revised version of the 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**

**Revised Driver Examination Forms** - MEs are required to use the revised driver examination forms accessible from the FMCSA and National Registry websites:

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

Results of examinations conducted on or after **December 22, 2015** must be reported using the revised electronic *CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850*. Therefore, when entering results for examinations conducted on or after **December 22, 2015**, the National Registry system will automatically present the ME with the revised version of the *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:

- The additional requested information and examination results must be provided to the ME 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.

### **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.

- This requirement 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 any 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.

## **Changes to the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form MCSA- 5850**

When entering results for examinations conducted **prior to December 22, 2015**, you will be presented with the current version of the *CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850*.

When entering results for examinations conducted **on or after December 22, 2015**, you will be presented with a revised version of the *CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850* (attached) based on the *Medical Examiner's Certification Integration* Final Rule published on April 23, 2015. Areas highlighted in yellow indicate the changes that appear in the new form, which are explained below.

**Note:** The attached *CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850* is a representation of the electronic form that will be available through your National Registry account. Therefore, it may not be identical to what you will see on your screen. In addition, some of the fields you see may not be visible on the electronic form because they are dependent on prior selections (e.g., Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date is only visible if Medically Qualified is selected).

All information requested on the *CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850* can be found on the corresponding *Medical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA-5875*.

### **CMV Driver's Name and Address, the following have been added:**

1. Street Address, City, State/Province, Zip code
2. Email – Enter driver's email address if provided on the *Medical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA-5875*. This is optional and will only be used when FMCSA needs to communicate with the driver regarding their certification.

### **CMV Driver's License Information, the following have been added:**

1. Issuing State/Province – Province has been added to be used for non-CDL drivers from Canada. Enter the issuing State or Canada.
2. CDL yes/no has been expanded to CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder. Select yes when the driver has selected yes on the MER indicating that they are a CLP or CDL holder or are applying for a CLP or CDL and no when the driver has selected no on the MER.

### **Examination Information, the following have been added:**

1. Date MEC signed/issued for Medically Qualified - the date the ME signs and issues the MEC to the driver
2. Date of determination for Medically Unqualified – the date the driver is examined and the ME makes the determination that he/she is medically unqualified
3. Determination Pending – date the driver is examined
4. Incomplete Examination – date the driver is examined

5. “Use this section for examinations performed in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 49 CFR 391.41-391.49 with any applicable State variances (which will only be valid for intrastate operations).”
6. Date of Examination
7. Examination Result: Medically Qualified or Medically Unqualified
8. Medical Examiner’s Certificate Expiration Date

**Restrictions and Variances**

Option for “Grandfathered from State Requirements (*State*).” This applies only to drivers examined in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 49 CFR 391.41-391.49 with any applicable State variances (which will only be valid for intrastate operations).

**Public Burden Statement**

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## CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form

### CMV Driver's Name and Address *(use Legal Name as listed on Government-Issued Identification)*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(enter 'NMN' if driver does not have a middle name)*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ *(optional)*

### CMV Driver's License Information

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder:  Yes  No

### Examination Information *(please complete only one of the Examination Information sections below)*

Use this section for examinations performed in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49):

or

Use this section for examinations performed in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49), with any applicable State variances:

Examination Result:  **Medically Qualified**  
Date MEC signed/issued: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

**Medically Unqualified**  
Date of examination/determination: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

**Determination Pending**  
Date of examination: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

**Incomplete Examination**  
Date of examination: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

Date of Examination: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

Examination Result:  **Medically Qualified**  
 **Medically Unqualified**

Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(applicable when "Medically Qualified" is selected above)* *(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(applicable when "Medically Qualified" is selected above)* *(use mm/dd/yyyy format)*

### Restrictions and Variances *(check all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wearing corrective lenses   | <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wearing hearing aid   | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving within an exempt intracity zone (49 CFR 391.62) (Federal) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanied by a waiver/exemption <i>(specify type):</i><br>_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified by operation of (49 CFR 391.64) (Federal)               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandfathered from State requirements (State)                     |