

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.
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June 22, 2018

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- 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.

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Changes to the Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC), Form MCSA-5876

Areas highlighted in yellow in the *Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC), Form MCSA-5876* indicate form revisions based on the *Medical Examiner's Certification Integration* Final Rule published on April 23, 2015. The information below will help you easily identify the changes.

Two certification options

Choose one:

1. Federal – Examined in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 49 CFR 391.41-391.49 and found to be qualified
2. State – 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) and found to be qualified.

The following information has been added:

1. 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).
2. Space has been provided for you to specify your occupation when selecting “Other Practitioner.”
3. Issuing State has been expanded to include Provinces for non-CDL drivers from Canada.
4. 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.

Public Burden Statement

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2126-0006. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be approximately 1 minute per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are mandatory. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Information Collection Clearance Officer, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, MC-RRA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590.



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier
Safety Administration

Medical Examiner's Certificate
(for Commercial Driver Medical Certification)

I certify that I have examined **Last Name:** _____ **First Name:** _____ in accordance with *(please check only one):*

- the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations ([49 CFR 391.41-391.49](#)) and, with knowledge of the driving duties, I find this person is qualified, and, if applicable, only when *(check all that apply)* **OR**
- 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), and, with knowledge of the driving duties, I find this person is qualified, and, if applicable, only when *(check all that apply):*

- Wearing corrective lenses
- Accompanied by a _____ waiver/exemption
- Driving within an exempt intracity zone ([49 CFR 391.62](#)) (Federal)
- Wearing hearing aid
- Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate
- Qualified by operation of [49 CFR 391.64](#) (Federal)
- Grandfathered from State requirements (State)

The information I have provided regarding this physical examination is true and complete. A complete Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, with any attachments embodies my findings completely and correctly, and is on file in my office.

Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date

Medical Examiner's Signature

Medical Examiner's Telephone Number

Date Certificate Signed

Medical Examiner's Name *(please print or type)*

- MD
- Physician Assistant
- Advanced Practice Nurse
- DO
- Chiropractor
- Other Practitioner *(specify)* _____

Medical Examiner's State License, Certificate, or Registration Number

Issuing State

National Registry Number

Driver's Signature

Driver's License Number

Issuing State/Province

Driver's Address

CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Yes No