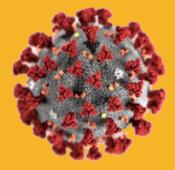


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Emergency Waivers for CDL/CLP and Medical Certificate Renewals Commercial Motor Vehicle

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Commercial drivers are experiencing problems renewing their Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs) and Medical Certificates as many State Driver's Licensing Agencies are complying with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on social distancing. Medical providers nationwide have reprogrammed their activities and resources to meet the increasing need for medical support to deal with the public health crisis we are facing due to the Coronavirus.

In response to this growing crisis, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) granted waivers that provide temporary regulatory relief as detailed below through June 30, 2020.

Commercial Driver's License and Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) Expiration Date

• If a driver's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) or Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) expires on or after March 1, 2020, the expiration date is now extended until June 30, 2020.

Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) Testing

- Drivers who have a CLP that expires or is due for renewal on or after March 1, 2020, will not have to retake the general and endorsement knowledge tests, before taking the driving test.
- Drivers who have a CLP are not required to wait 14 days to take the CDL skills test.

Medical Certificate

• CDL holders, CLP holders, and non-CDL drivers who possessed a valid medical examination and certification that was issued for 90 days or longer, and that certification expired on or after March 1, 2020, have until June 30, 2020, to renew the medical certificate.





- The requirements under 49 CFR 383.71(h)(3) are waived. Therefore, CDL and CLP holders are not required to provide the State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA) with an original or copy of an unexpired medical examiner's certificate to maintain "certified" status with the SDLA, provided that the driver has proof of a valid medical certificate that expired on or after March 1, 2020.
- Waives the requirement under 49 CFR 383.73(o)(2) that the State Driver Licensing Agency change the CDL or CLP holder's medical certification status to "not certified" upon the expiration of the medical examiner's certificate or medical variance, provided that the CDL or CLP holders have proof of a valid medical certificate that expired on or after March 1, 2020.
- Waives the requirements under 49 CFR 383.73(o)(4) that the State Driver Licensing Agency initiate a CDL or CLP downgrade upon the expiration of the medical examiner's certificate or medical variance, provided that the CDL or CLP holders have proof of a valid medical certification or medical variance that expired on or after March 1, 2020.
- The FMCSA continues to recognize the validity of commercial driver's licenses issued by Canadian Provinces and Territories and Licencias Federales de Conductor issued by the United Mexican States, following 49 CFR part 383, when such jurisdictions issue a similar notice or declaration extending the validity date of the medical examination and certification and/or validity of the corresponding commercial driver's license due to interruption in government service resulting from COVID-19.

Terms, Conditions, and Restrictions of the Waiver¹

This waiver covers States, CDL holders, CLP holders, and interstate non-CDL CMV drivers for the period beginning at 12:01 a.m. (ET) on March 20, 2020, continuing through 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2020.

- 1. This waiver does not apply to a CDL or CLP holder if the driver's license expired before March 1, 2020.
- 2. This waiver does not apply to a CDL or CLP holder if the driver's privileges have been suspended or withdrawn for traffic offenses.
- 3. Drivers claiming relief under this waiver from the requirement for a valid medical certificate must have proof of a previously issued valid medical certificate that expired on or after March 1, 2020, and carry a paper copy of their expired medical certificates.

¹ Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/emergency/fmcsa-cdl-waiver-32420 **3** | P a g e C O V I D - 1 9 M a r c h 2 4 , 2 0 2 0





- 4. Drivers who cannot produce evidence of a prior medical certification that expired on or after March 1, 2020, are not covered under this waiver, including new drivers who have never obtained a medical certification.
- 5. Drivers who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have been diagnosed with a medical condition that would disqualify the driver from operating in interstate commerce, or who, since their last medical certificate was issued, have developed a condition that requires an exemption or Skill Performance Evaluation from FMCSA are not covered under this waiver.
- 6. This waiver does not apply to medical examiner's certificates originally issued for less than 90 days.