

Starting Jan. 30, 2012,

the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) will implement new federal regulations that require all CDL holders and applicants to certify the type of driving they do, and require interstate CDL holders that carry a Medical Examiner's Certificate to give the Iowa DOT a copy of their certificate.

These new regulations DO NOT change who has to obtain a CDL or who has to obtain a Medical Examiner's Certificate. They only require two things:

- 1. All CDL holders and CDL applicants** must self-certify the type of driving they are engaged in. Use the inside of this brochure to determine your driving type.
- 2. Drivers that certify to nonexcepted interstate driving** must give the Iowa DOT a copy of their Medical Examiner's Certificate, and must keep that certificate current.

WHEN DO I NEED TO COMPLY?

All CDL holders must complete the self-certification and provide the Medical Examiner's Certificate, if required, by **Jan. 30, 2014**. If you renew or change your CDL before Jan. 30, 2014, you will be required to comply at the time of the renewal or change.

What if I do not renew or change my CDL before Jan. 30, 2014?

You will need to complete the self-certification and submit the Medical Examiner's Certificate on or before that date, even though your CDL does not expire until later.

What happens if I do not comply?

The federal regulations require the Iowa DOT to downgrade your CDL to a noncommercial license if you do not complete the self-certification of type of driving and submit the Medical Examiner's Certificate, if required, before Jan. 30, 2014.

Where and how do I do this?

See the inside of this brochure for instructions on how to self-certify and how to submit a Medical Examiner's Certificate.

CDL

self-certification and Medical Examiner's Certificate reporting

PROTECT YOUR CDL

Compliance is easy

find out how

For more information visit:
www.iowadot.gov/mvd/ods/MCRforCDL.html



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Answer the questions below to determine what you need to do to comply.

Do you operate your commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in **INTERSTATE** commerce (you or your cargo cross state lines)?

YES

Do you operate a CMV?

- As a government employee per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- For school bus operations per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- Occasionally transporting personal property per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- Transporting corpses or the sick per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- As a fire truck or rescue vehicle per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- Transporting propane/winter heating fuel in an emergency per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- For custom farm operations per 49 CFR part 391.2
- As a beekeeper per 49 CFR part 391.2
- As a farmer transporting your own products in a 150-mile radius of farm per 49 CFR part 391.2 (Does not apply to articulated vehicles.)
- As a private motor carrier carrying passengers for nonbusiness per 49 CFR part 391.68
- Transporting migrant workers per 49 CFR part 398.3
- Designed or used to transport nine to 15 passengers, not for direct compensation per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)

NO

NONEXCEPTED INTERSTATE

1. Self-certify as a nonexcepted interstate driver.
2. Submit a copy of your Medical Examiner's Certificate to the Iowa DOT.

Often a Medical Examiner's Certificate expires before it is time to renew your CDL. **Be sure to keep a current Medical Examiner's Certificate on file with the Iowa DOT. Failure to do so can result in a downgrade of your CDL status.**

YES

EXCEPTED INTERSTATE

1. Self-certify as an excepted interstate driver.

HOW DO YOU OPERATE YOUR CMV?

Do you operate your CMV in **INTRASTATE** commerce (you or your cargo DO NOT cross state lines)?

YES

Do you operate a CMV?

- As a public utility truck per Iowa Code 321.449
- As a truck hauling gravel per Iowa Code 321.449*
- As a construction truck or equipment per Iowa Code 321.449*
- As a truck moving implements of husbandry per Iowa Code 321.449*
- As a special truck, other than a truck tractor per Iowa Code 321.449
- As a school district-employed school bus driver
- Other farm and agricultural exemptions per Iowa Code 321.449 and 450

*Does not include truck-tractor semi-trailer combinations and trucks for hire

NO

NONEXCEPTED INTRASTATE

1. Self-certify as a nonexcepted intrastate driver.
2. You DO NOT need to submit a copy of your Medical Examiner's Certificate to the Iowa DOT; however, you must carry it with you while driving.

YES

EXCEPTED INTRASTATE

1. Self-certify as an excepted intrastate driver.

HOW DO I COMPLY?



1. Complete a self-certification and submit your Medical Examiner's Certificate (if required) in person at any driver's license location. For the location nearest you, go to: www.iowadot.gov/mvd//ods/dlsites.htm.
2. Download the self-certification form at www.iowadot.gov/mvd/forms.html and submit it, along with your Medical Examiner's Certificate, if required, by any of the following means.
 - a. By mail to: Office of Driver Services, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, IA 50306-9204
 - b. By fax to: 515-239-1837
 - c. By e-mail to: CDLMedCert@dot.iowa.gov (E-mail submissions must be scanned and attached as a pdf.)

HOW DO I STAY IN COMPLIANCE?

Drivers that are required to submit a Medical Examiner's Certificate must submit a new certificate before the previous one expires to stay in compliance and avoid a downgrade of their CDL to a noncommercial license.

Once you have completed the initial self-certification and submitted your Medical Examiner's Certificate for the first time, submit new Medical Examiner's Certificates via one of the methods listed in the box to the left.