

MVD Procedural Quick Update

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RE: Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Medical Certification
Effective date: October 18, 2010

Date: October 20, 2010
To: All MVD
From: Mac Lewis, MVD Policy and Procedures Manager

[This is the latest in a series of procedural updates. These updates deal with specific MVD procedures and practices. Managers and Supervisors should consistently distribute the updates to all personnel and integrate them into regular information and training sessions.]

CDL applicants and licensees are no longer required to submit their DOT Medical Examination Certification (Long Form).

MVD Field Offices can accept the Medical Examiner's Certificate to issue all CDLs, including permits, first time CDLs, renewals, replacements, upgrades, and no-fee corrections. All other document requirements remain unchanged.

MVD Field Offices are not required to fax the certificates to the CDL Medical Unit for review.

This PQU replaces PQU #4.

Effective Monday, October 18, 2010, MVD Field Offices will accept and process the Medical Examiner's Certificate as follows:

- The MVD Field Office clerk should carefully review the Medical Examiner's Certificate for completeness. The following areas **must** be filled in:
 - Driver's name;
 - Medical Examiner's name;
 - Medical Examiner's License/Certificate # & State;
 - Medical Examiner's Telephone Number;
 - Date of Examination;
 - Expiration Date of Medical Certificate;
 - Signature of Medical Examiner;
 - Medical Examiner's Specialty (MD, DO, Chiropractor, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Advanced Practice Nurse) ;
 - Driver's Signature;
 - Driver's Address;
 - Driver's License #; and
 - Driver's License State of Issuance.
- **Do not issue the commercial driver's license if you have not received a complete Medical Examiner's Certificate.**

- If the medical examiner has selected any of the following selected criteria, the MVD agent should take the corresponding action:

Selected Criteria	MVD Agent Action
Wearing a hearing aid	No restriction
Wearing corrective lenses	Apply restriction B
Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64	No restriction
Accompanied by a _____waiver/exemption	Refer to CDL Unit for application
Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate (SPE)	Refer to CDL Unit for application (Restriction D)
Driving within an exempt intra-city zone (49 CFR 391.62)	No restriction

- If the Medical Examiner has certified the driver with one of the following expiration dates, issue the license with the corresponding license time period:

<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>License Time Period</u>
2 years	4 or 8 yrs
1 yr	1 year
6 months	1 year
3 months	1 year

- The vision check is still required for every CDL Application.
- Do not accept any certificate that has been altered or corrected.
- Although original documents are preferred, you may accept a copy.
- Please direct any questions to this process to:

CDL Medical Unit
(505) 827-1036

The responsibility for meeting Federal medical qualification requirements remains with the driver and his or her doctor. All CDL holders are required to submit their Medical Examiner's Certificate for the issuance of a CDL and upon any change in their medical condition.

Field office managers and supervisors should refer any comments or questions regarding this Procedural Quick Update to their Bureau Chiefs or to the CDL Medical Unit, with cc to mac.lewis@state.nm.us. Others are encouraged to direct comments or questions directly to Mac Lewis.
