

- Implementation strategies,
- Timeline,
- Performance measures,
- Monitoring and evaluation plan,

and

- Detailed budget (OJP Form 7150/1).

SF-424 and SF-424B can be downloaded from <http://www.grants.gov>. OJP Form 7150/1 can be downloaded from http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget_fillable.pdf. Sample forms that provide a suggested format for the grant proposal and guidance on how to prepare and submit the application package are available on the FMCSA-CDL Workgroups Web site at <http://www.fmcsa.tmsupport.com>. Once at this Web site, click on your State, then click on Other Workgroups, then click on CDL & MCSAP National Workgroup, then click on File Sharing, then click on CDL, and finally click on Grant Proposal Information—updated for 2006. Each State folder on this Web site includes the amount of funds available to that State. Addresses of the FMCSA Division Offices are available on the Internet at <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/about/contact/offices/displayfieldroster.asp>.

Funds will be allocated based on availability and on the State's needs. Calculation of the amount that may be made available to each State will be based on the number of States that apply for the funds, the number of Master Pointer Records the State has on CDLIS, and the number of CDLIS transactions sent by the State within a 6-month period. The grant requests submitted by the States will be reviewed to ensure that the proposed activities are consistent with established national priorities. Those applicants approved for funding will be required to enter into a grant agreement with FMCSA, which will be executed by a Division Administrator on behalf of the agency.

Issued on: May 1, 2006.

Warren E. Hoemann,
Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-99-6480; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7165; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2004-17195]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 31 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

DATES: This decision is effective June 3, 2006. Comments must be received on or before June 8, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Management System (DMS) Docket Numbers FMCSA-99-6480; FMCSA-2000-7006; FMCSA-2000-7165; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2004-17195, using any of the following methods.

- Web Site: <http://dmses.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and docket numbers for this Notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading for further information.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include

a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477; April 11, 2000). This information is also available at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Chief, Physical Qualifications Division, (202) 366-4001, maggi.gunnels@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 8301, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Exemption Decision

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381. This Notice addresses 31 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in a timely manner. FMCSA has evaluated these 31 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

James C. Askin
Paul J. Bannon
Ernie E. Black
Ronnie F. Bowman
Gary O. Brady
Michael C. Branham
Trixie L. Brown
Thomas L. Corey
Stephen H. Goldcamp
Steven F. Grass
Michael S. Johannsen
Mearl C. Kennedy
Wai F. King
Dennis E. Krone
James F. Laverdure
Christopher P. Flefler
Richard J. McKenzie, Jr.
Christopher J. Meerten

William J. Miller
 Bobby G. Minton
 James A. Mohr
 Robert J. Mohorter
 Charles R. Murphy
 Roderick F. Peterson
 Kenneth R. Piechnik
 Donald W. Sidwell
 David M. Smith
 David E. Steinke
 Robert L. Swartz, Jr.
 Elmer K. Thomas
 Richard G. Wendt

These exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: (1) That each individual have a physical examination every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file and retain a copy of the certification on his/her person while driving for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official. Each exemption will be valid for two years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e).

Basis for Renewing Exemptions

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), an exemption may be granted for no longer than two years from its approval date and may be renewed upon application for additional two year periods. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), each of the 31 applicants has satisfied the entry conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirements (64 FR 68195; 65 FR 20251; 67 FR 38311; 69 FR 26921; 65 FR 20245; 65 FR 57230; 69 FR 17263; 69 FR 31447; 65 FR 33406; 67 FR 15662; 67 FR 37907; 69 FR 26921). Each of these 31 applicants has requested timely renewal of the exemption and has submitted evidence showing that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the standard specified at 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and that the vision

impairment is stable. In addition, a review of each record of safety while driving with the respective vision deficiencies over the past two years indicates each applicant continues to meet the vision exemption standards. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to drive safely in interstate commerce. Therefore, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of two years is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption.

Request for Comments

FMCSA will review comments received at any time concerning a particular driver's safety record and determine if the continuation of the exemption is consistent with the requirements at 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e). However, FMCSA requests that interested parties with specific data concerning the safety records of these drivers submit comments by June 8, 2006.

FMCSA believes that the requirements for a renewal of an exemption under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) can be satisfied by initially granting the renewal and then requesting and evaluating, if needed, subsequently comments submitted by interested parties. As indicated above, the Agency previously published Notices of final disposition announcing its decision to exempt these 31 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10). That final decision to grant the exemption to each of these individuals was based on the merits of each case and only after careful consideration of the comments received to its Notices of applications. Those Notices of applications stated in detail the qualifications, experience, and medical condition of each applicant for an exemption from the vision requirements. That information is available by consulting the above cited **Federal Register** publications.

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would otherwise show that any, or all of these drivers, are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), FMCSA will take

immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

Rose A. McMurray,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

Lackawanna County Railroad Authority ("LCRA") (Supplement and Extension to Waiver Docket Number FRA-2000-7275)

As a supplement to Lackawanna County Railroad Authority's (LCRA) Petition for Approval of Shared Use and Waiver of Certain FRA Regulations (the original shared use waiver was granted by the FRA Railroad Safety Board on November 24, 2000, and a six month extension was granted by the FRA Railroad Safety Board on April 7, 2006). LCRA seeks a permanent waiver of compliance from an additional section of Title 49 of the CFR, specifically part 240, *Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers*, part 229.129 *FRA Horn Rule: Audible Warning Devices*. LCRA also seeks a five year extension of this amended shared use waiver for continued safe operation of its historic light rail trolley operations on shared trackage with the general railroad system of transportation (Delaware-Lackawanna Railroad).

LCRA is including in this modified waiver request four route miles added to the historic trolley excursion since 2002, and is informing the FRA of the upcoming 1870 feet trolley route extension from its current terminus at VC Station (VC Stub Switch MP 4.78) to the newly constructed Historic Trolley Maintenance Building (this portion will be used exclusively by trolleys). LCRA submits that this request is consistent with the waiver process for Shared Use. *See Statement of Agency Policy Concerning Jurisdiction Over the Safety of Railroad Passenger Operations and*