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**COMMERCIAL DRIVERS MUST SOON CERTIFY TYPE OF  
DRIVING, PROVIDE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION INFORMATION**

**RALEIGH** — **Between January 30, 2012 and January 30, 2014**, the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles will ask its 320,000 licensed commercial drivers to certify the type of driving they do. Some will also be asked to provide current medical certification information.

With the new requirements by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DMVs across the nation will begin collecting and maintaining medical certification information from commercial drivers when they apply for an initial or renewal license, or when they transfer a commercial driver license (CDL) from another state. NCDMV began notifying the state's commercial drivers about the upcoming requirements by letter this week.

All North Carolina CDL holders must certify the type of driving they perform, outlining whether they drive interstate or intrastate, and whether they fall under exceptions to the requirement for a medical certificate.

For certain commercial drivers, current medical certification information will also be collected, including any applicable FMCSA waiver and skills performance evaluation. Some drivers are exempt from the medical certification requirement.

Most CDL drivers are expected to submit the federally-required information during the usual license renewal process. However, drivers whose licenses were issued before January 30, 2012 and expire after January 29, 2014 will receive a notification letter requesting the necessary information.

NCDMV will also send reminder letters to drivers 30 days prior to the expiration of their medical certificates, FMCSA waivers (variances) and NCDMV waivers.

Drivers with questions about the upcoming requirements should call (919) 861-3599.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. What does this letter mean and why do I have to do this?**

The letter that you received is a courtesy letter that DMV sent out to make you aware of an upcoming federal mandate that will be phased in between January 30, 2012 and January 30, 2014. This new requirement applies to you because you are a licensed commercial driver.

**2. How does the federal mandate affect my CDL?**

The new federal mandate means that DMVs across the nation will require commercial drivers to certify the type of driving they do – interstate or intrastate. The DMVs will begin collecting and maintaining this information, along with drivers' medical certification information when they apply for an initial or renewal license, or when they transfer a CDL from another state.

**3. What do I need to do?**

You do not need to do anything until it's time to renew your CDL.

**4. Why do I need to certify the type of driving I do?**

You will need to let DMV know whether you drive interstate or intrastate, and whether you fall under the exceptions to the requirement for a medical certificate.

**5. Who needs to supply medical certification information to DMV?**

Commercial drivers are required to provide current medical certification information, including any applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) waiver and skills performance evaluation. Some drivers are exempt from the medical certification requirement.

**6. What will happen if I do not provide my new certificate to DMV?**

Your license can be downgraded (reduced to a Class C license) and possibly even fully suspended.

**7. How can I remember when to provide this information to DMV?**

Most CDL drivers will be able to provide this information during the usual license renewal process. As a courtesy however, NCDMV will send reminder letters to drivers 30 days prior to the expiration of their medical certificates, FMCSA waivers (variances) and NCDMV waivers.

**8. Will my medical certificate (pocket card) still be proof that I am certified to drive commercially?**

When you provide your certification information to DMV, it becomes available electronically to law enforcement, verifying your CDL certification. For interstate driving, you may wish to continue carrying your medical certification information.

**9. Who should I call with questions about these requirements?**

You may call NCDMV at (919) 861-3599.