



1.04 Commercial Driver's License Self-Certification and Medicals

Section: 1. Credential Issuance

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[R.S. 32:403.4](#)

[R.S. 32:413](#)

49 CFR 383.71

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Definitions:

- **Commercial Driver's License (CDL)** – A driver's license that allows drivers to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)
- **Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP)** – A learner's permit that allows drivers to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)
- **Self-Certification** – The process by which a commercial driver's license holder informs the Office of Motor Vehicles of the type of commerce he/she operates
 - The [Definitions Self-Certification Category Form](#) provides additional information on each self-certification category and types of commerce.

Requirements:

- All CDL/CLP holders must submit a completed *CDL Supplemental Form* ([DPSMV2211](#)) to the Office of Motor Vehicles and indicate the type of commerce in the **Self-Certification** section at time of:
 - Initial issuance of CDL/CLP
 - Transfer from another state
 - Renewal
 - Change from one CDL class to another
 - Change to the type of commerce
- All CDL/CLP holders must have a current medical certification on file with the National Registry certifying the driver is qualified under the provisions of 49 CFR 391.41, which is completed by a medical examiner certified by the [National Registry of Medical Examiners](#).
 - Effective March 22, 2022, before being medically certified under the alternative vision standard, a vision evaluation must be done by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.
 - The ophthalmologist or optometrist records the findings of the vision evaluation and provides specific medical opinions on the new [Vision Evaluation Report Form MCSA-5871](#).

- A Medical Examiner performs a physical qualification examination and determines whether the alternative vision standard is met, as well as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) other physical qualification standards.
- If the Medical Examiner determines that the physical qualification standards are met, the Medical Examiner may certify the driver for a maximum of twelve (12) months.
- If the medical certification expires, drivers will be marked "medically not certified". After thirty (30) days after being marked "**medically not certified, due to an expired medical certificate**", a certified notice will be mailed stating an the medical certificate must be renewed. The National Registry will automatically submit that certification OMV (effective March 1, 2022).² Drivers can still click [here](#) to check their status.

Related Policies:

Section 1, Policy [2.00, Fees and Duration of License/Identification Card](#)

References:

- ¹ – Louisiana State Legislature. *Medical Evaluation Report Required of Persons Driving a Commercial Motor Vehicle* (R.S. 32:403.4), retrieved from <https://legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=88378>.
- ² – Electronic Code of Federal Regulations. *Driver Application and Certification Procedures* (383.71), retrieved from <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-383/subpart-E/section-383.71>.