



**South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles  
Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Holders  
Medical Certification Requirements**

**DL-405A**  
(Rev. 03/06/2026)

**This entire form must be completed by the individual who is applying for an original CDL or is renewing or upgrading a CDL.**  
This form must be completed in black or blue ink.

**CURRENT LEGAL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX)**

<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> / /	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b> - -	<b>DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER</b>
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**CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR THE TYPE OF OPERATION THAT APPLIES TO YOU**  
See Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for explanations

- NON-EXCEPTED INTERSTATE (NI)** Operates in interstate commerce and meets the qualification requirements under 49 CFR § 391  
*(Required to have a DOT medical card/certificate)*
- EXCEPTED INTERSTATE (EI)** Operates in interstate commerce, but engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 CFR §§ 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3  
*(See FAQ Sheet for list)*
- NON-EXCEPTED INTRASTATE (NA)** Operates only in intrastate commerce and is subject to and meets State driver qualification requirements.  
*(18-20 years of age and/or license with an "K" restriction)*
- EXCEPTED INTRASTATE (EA)** Operates only in intrastate commerce, but engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from State driver qualification requirements.  
*(Not applicable in South Carolina)*

***I certify under penalty of perjury that all statements above are true and correct.***

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Medical Certification results must be submitted electronically through FMCSA's National Registry Portal by the medical provider. The SCDMV is prohibited from manually updating Medical Examiner's Certificates, Federal Waivers, and/or Skills Performance Evaluation results.

The Form DL-405A is required under the following conditions:

- Initial issuance of a commercial learner's permit (CLP) or commercial driver's license (CDL);
- Renewal of a CLP or CDL;
- Change in self-certification for the commerce operation type.

Bring this form to the SCDMV office. A list of office locations and hours can be found on our website [dmv.sc.gov](http://dmv.sc.gov)



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The following FAQs will help you in determining how to meet the Federal medical certification requirements:

**Q. What must I do to comply with the requirement for making my medical certification part of my CDL driving record?**

- A.** Once DMV has your type of commerce recorded you are not required to complete this form again unless you are:
- changing the type of commerce in which you intend to operate, or
  - renewing your CDL, or
  - upgrading your CDL

You are required to self-certify to a single type of commercial operation on SCDMV **Form DL-405A Commercial Driver's License Holders Medical Certification Requirements**. Based on that self-certification, you may need to have your medical provider enter your current medical examiner's certificate through FMCSA's National Registry Portal and show any variance (Federal Waiver/Skills Performance Evaluation) you may have to obtain or keep your CDL.

**Q. How do I determine which type of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operation I should self-certify?**

- A.** For the purpose of complying with the requirements for medical certification, it is important to know how you are using the CMV. To help you decide, follow these steps:

**Step 1:** Do you, or will you, use a CDL to operate a CMV in **interstate** or **intrastate commerce**?

**Interstate commerce is** when you drive a CMV:

- From one State to another State or a foreign country;
- Between two places within a State, but during part of the trip, the CMV crosses into another State or foreign country; **or**
- Between two places within a State, but the cargo is part of a trip that began or will end in another State or foreign country.

**Intrastate commerce is** when you drive a CMV within a State and you do not meet any of the descriptions above for **interstate commerce**.

If you operate in both **intrastate commerce** and **interstate commerce**, you must choose **interstate commerce**.

**Drivers between 18 and 20 years old will receive a "K" restriction. This restriction only allows intrastate transportation of shipments/loads that start and end within the state. The load cannot be initiated or completed outside of the state.**

- Step 2:** Once you decide you operate or will operate in **interstate commerce** or **intrastate commerce**, you must decide whether you operate (or expect to operate) in a **non-excepted** or **excepted** status. This decision will tell you which of the four types of commerce you must self-certify.

**Interstate Commerce:**

You operate in **excepted interstate commerce** when you drive a CMV in interstate commerce only for the following excepted activities:

- To transport school children and/or school staff between home and school;
- As Federal, State or local government employees;
- To transport human corpses or sick or injured persons;
- Fire truck or rescue vehicle drivers during emergencies and other related activities;



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- Primarily in the transportation of propane winter heating fuel when responding to an emergency condition requiring immediate response such as damage to a propane gas system after a storm or flooding;
- In response to a pipeline emergency condition requiring immediate response such as a pipeline leak or rupture;
- In custom harvesting on a farm or to transport farm machinery and supplies used in the custom harvesting operation to and from a farm or to transport custom harvested crops to storage or market;
- Beekeeper in the seasonal transportation of bees;
- Controlled and operated by a farmer, but is not a combination vehicle (power unit and towed unit), and is used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery or farm supplies (no placardable hazardous materials) to and from a farm and within 150 air- miles of the farm;
- As a private motor carrier of passengers for non-business purposes; **or**
- To transport migrant workers.

If you answered yes to one or more of the above activities as the **only** operation in which you drive, you operate in **excepted interstate commerce** and do not need a Federal medical examiner's certificate.

If you answered no to all of the above activities, you operate in **non-excepted interstate commerce** and are required to provide a current medical examiner's certificate (49 CFR § 391.45), commonly referred to as a medical certificate. Most CDL holders who drive CMVs in interstate commerce are **non-excepted interstate commerce** drivers.

If you operate in both **excepted interstate commerce** and **non-excepted interstate commerce**, you must choose **non-excepted interstate commerce** to be qualified to operate in both types of interstate commerce.

### Q. How do I self-certify?

- A. You may visit any SCDMV branch office or our website, [dmv.sc.gov](http://dmv.sc.gov), to complete the form DL-405A (*Commercial Driver's License Holders Medical Certification Requirements*). Depending upon the self-certification you may also need your medical provider to enter your current medical examiner's certificate through FMCSA's National Registry Portal.

### Q. If I have additional questions, who should I contact?

- A. You may contact the SCDMV CDL Help Desk at (803) 896-2673.

### Q. How do I check my status?

- A. You may check your status online at <https://dmv.sc.gov/Driver-Services/Commercial-Licenses>