



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

DL-405A
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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)

DATE OF BIRTH

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

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DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER

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.

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 any SCDMV branch office. A list of office locations and hours can be found on our website dmv.sc.gov



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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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, 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>