

“Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Participation and Request for Comments:*

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2026–0991), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2026-0991/document>, click on this notice, click “Comment,” and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

*Privacy Act:*

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edits and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

*Background:*

The Secretary of Transportation is responsible for implementing regulations to issue safety permits for transporting certain HM in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.* The HM Safety Permit regulations (49 CFR part 385, subpart E) require initial or first time HM Safety Permit carriers to file

using the Unified Registration System, Form MCSA–1. Update and renewal applications must be filed with FMCSA using the “Combined Motor Carrier Identification Report and HM Permit Application” (Form MCS–150B). The HM Safety Permit regulations also require carriers to have a security program. As part of the of the HM Safety regulations, carriers are required to develop and maintain a route plan so that law enforcement officials can verify the correct location of the HM shipment. FMCSA requires companies holding permits to develop a communications plan that allows for the periodic tracking of the shipment that includes the time of the call and location of the shipment. The records may be kept by either the driver (*e.g.*, recorded in the log book) or the company. These records must be kept, either physically or electronically, for at least 6 months at the company’s principal place of business or readily available to employees at the company’s principal place of business.

*Title:* Hazardous Materials Safety Permits.

*OMB Control Number:* 2126–0030.

*Type of Request:* Renewal of a currently approved ICR.

*Respondents:* Motor carriers subject to the Hazardous Materials Safety Permit requirements in 49 CFR part 385, subpart E.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1142.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 5 minutes. The communication between motor carriers and their drivers must take place at least two times per day. It is estimated that it will take 5 minutes to maintain a daily communication record for each driver.

*Expiration Date:* November 30, 2026.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 799,400 hours [9,592,800 trips × 5 minutes per record ÷ 60 minutes per hour = 799,400].

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The Agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB’s clearance of this ICR.

Issued under the authority of 49 CFR 1.87.

**David M. Sutula,**

*Acting Associate Administrator, Office of Research and Registration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0122; FMCSA–2015–0326; FMCSA–2016–0003; FMCSA–2017–0058; FMCSA–2019–0109; FMCSA–2019–0111; FMCSA–2021–0014; FMCSA–2023–0024; FMCSA–2023–0025]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 19 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Public Participation

##### A. Viewing Comments

To view comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number (FMCSA–2013–0122, FMCSA–2015–0326, FMCSA–2016–0003, FMCSA–2017–0058, FMCSA–2019–0109, FMCSA–2019–0111, FMCSA–2021–0014, FMCSA–2023–0024, or FMCSA–2023–0025, as appropriate) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice

listed, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in room W58–213 of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

### B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption requests. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed under the “Department Wide System of Records Notices” link at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

## II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the FMCSRs. FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant’s safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)). FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver’s medical certification.

## III. Background

On January 29, 2026, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 19 individuals from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (91 FR 3981). The public comment period ended on March 2, 2026, and no comments were received.

The Agency evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these applicants’ exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing, found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11), states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5–1951.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid (35 FR 6458, 6463 (Apr. 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 8, 1971)).

## IV. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

## V. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 19 applicants have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement. The 19 drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency. In addition, the Agency has reviewed each applicant’s certified driving record from their State Driver’s Licensing Agency (SDLA). The information obtained from each applicant’s driving record provides the Agency with details regarding any moving violations or reported crash data, which demonstrates whether the driver has a safe driving history and is an indicator of future driving performance. If the driving record revealed a crash, FMCSA requested and reviewed the related police reports and other relevant documents, such as the citation and conviction information.

These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver’s ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Accordingly, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each of these drivers for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to the level that would be achieved absent such exemption.

## VI. Terms and Conditions

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: each driver (1) must report to FMCSA any crashes, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5T, within 7 days of the crash; (2) must report to FMCSA any citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 within 7 days of the citation and conviction; (3) must submit to FMCSA annual certified driving records from their SDLA; and (4) is prohibited from operating a motorcoach or bus with passengers in interstate commerce. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local law enforcement official. In addition, the driver must meet all the applicable commercial driver’s license testing requirements. Each exemption will be valid for 2 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 as set forth above and also in the initial renewal notice (*see* 91 FR 3981); (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 Title 49, chapter 313 or section 31136.

## VII. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

## VIII. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 19 renewal exemption applications and supporting materials, FMCSA announces its decision to grant a 2-year exemption to each of the following drivers from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11).

As of January 3, 2026, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA’s policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, the following nine individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption

from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Christopher Anderson (TX)  
Joseph Bence (OH)  
Christa Butner (NC)  
Ryan King (NC)  
John Mast (OH)  
Willis Ryan (GA)  
Barry Schmidt (CO)  
Anthony Scott (AL)  
Grover Vincent (TX)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2017–0058, FMCSA–2019–0109, FMCSA–2021–0014, FMCSA–2023–0024, or FMCSA–2023–0025. Their exemptions were applicable as of January 3, 2026, and will expire on January 3, 2028.

As of January 6, 2026, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA’s policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Steven Andrews (FL); Jerry Doose (MN); and Donald Howton (AL).

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2015–0326 or FMCSA–2017–0058. Their exemptions were applicable as of January 6, 2026, and will expire on January 6, 2028.

As of January 8, 2026, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA’s policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Matthew Burgoyne (MN); Joshua Gelona (OK); and Eduardo Pedregal (TX).

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2016–0003. Their exemptions were applicable as of January 8, 2026, and will expire on January 8, 2028.

As of January 14, 2026, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA’s policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Chase Cooke (VA); and Douglas Gray (OR).

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2013–0122 or FMCSA–2017–0058. Their exemptions

were applicable as of January 14, 2026, and will expire on January 14, 2028.

As of January 21, 2026, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA’s policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Mario Alvarado (CA); and Herman Fleck (PA).

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2017–0058 or FMCSA–2019–0111. Their exemptions were applicable as of January 21, 2026, and will expire on January 21, 2028.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (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 prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of Title 49, chapter 313 or section 31136.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2026–1255]

#### Availability of Motus, FMCSA’s New Registration System

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of policy regarding the use of Motus, FMCSA’s new registration system; correction.

**SUMMARY:** In a notice published in the **Federal Register** on April 29, 2026, FMCSA announced a new, online registration system, and explained how use of this new system will satisfy current statutory and regulatory requirements pertaining to the Unified Registration System. The notice contained an error in the docket number.

**DATES:** This correction is effective May 6, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeffrey Secrist, Office of Registration, Chief, Registration Division, DOT, FMCSA, West Building, 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590; (202) 385–2367; [jeff.secrist@dot.gov](mailto:jeff.secrist@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In FR Doc. 2026–08334 appearing on page 23144 in the **Federal Register** of April 29, 2026, the following correction is made:

1. On page 23144, in the third column, remove the docket number which reads “FMCSA–2024–xxxx” and add in its place “FMCSA–2026–1255”.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant Program; Availability of 2027 Grant Application Package

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains a notice that the IRS has provided a grant opportunity in [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) for organizations interested in applying for a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) matching grant. The IRS is authorized to award multi-year LITC grants not to exceed three years. Grants may be awarded for the development/start up, expansion, or continuation of programs providing qualified services to eligible taxpayers. The budget period for the grant will be January 1, 2027–December 31, 2027. For new grantees, the Period of Performance is generally one year (January 1, 2027–December 31, 2027.) The application period runs from May 6, 2026, through July 6, 2026.

**DATES:** All applications including continuation requests for the 2027 grant year must be filed electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on July 6, 2026. The funding number is TREAS–GRANTS–052027–001, and the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance program number is 21.008, see [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). Details are also available at [www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/about-us/litc-grants](http://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/about-us/litc-grants). Session one: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 from 1–3 p.m. ET (Application Basics), Session two: