

Title: Site Assessment Report—Detailed Damage Inspection Report (DDIR).

Background: A Detailed Damage Inspection Report (DDIR) is an official document prepared under the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) Program, authorized by Title 23 of the United States Code. The purpose of the DDIR is to provide a thorough assessment of roadway and bridge damage caused by natural disasters or catastrophic events, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, or other emergencies.

The report documents the specific site location, roadway classification, and jurisdiction, along with detailed descriptions of the observed damage. It also includes supporting documentation such as photographs, maps, and inspection notes to establish the nature and extent of the damage. Cost estimates for both emergency repairs and permanent repairs are included, along with proposed contracting methods.

Additionally, the DDIR evaluates the potential for resilience improvements, ensuring compliance with federal requirements that promote cost-effective measures to minimize future damage and repair needs. The completed report serves as the foundation for determining eligibility of a site under the ER program.

In addition to establishing site eligibility, the DDIR is also used to develop the Program of Projects required under 23 U.S.C. 125, which compiles all eligible sites and their associated cost estimates.

Respondents: 50 State DOTs, local and state governments, District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, United States territories of American Samoa, Guam, N. Marina Is., and the Virgin Islands (4 territories), etc.

Frequency: One per damaged site.

Estimated Average Burden per

Response: 168 hours per each assessment.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: The total annual burden hours are 9,408 hours.

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 FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request

for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: June 16, 2026.

Jazmyne Lewis,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2026–0040]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from six individuals for an exemption from the prohibition in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) against persons with a clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition that is likely to cause a loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) to drive in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. FMCSA–2026–0040 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number (FMCSA–2026–0040) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, choose the only notice listed, and click on the “Comment” button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** (202) 493–2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001; (202) 366–4001; fmcamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2026–0040), indicate the specific section of this document to which each 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 that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2026-0040>. Next, choose the only notice listed, click the “Comment” button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

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.

B. Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the

notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as "PROPIN" to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or via email at brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov. At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

C. Viewing Comments

To view comments, go to www.regulations.gov, insert the docket number (FMCSA–2026–0040) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, choose the only 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.

D. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to 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 of safety that would be achieved absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth 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

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding seizures and loss of consciousness provides that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control" a CMV (49 CFR 391.41(b)(8)). To assist in applying this standard, FMCSA publishes guidance for medical examiners (ME) in the form of medical advisory criteria in Appendix A to 49 CFR part 391.¹ In 2007, FMCSA published recommendations from a Medical Expert Panel (MEP) that FMCSA tasked to review the existing seizure disorder guidelines for MEs.² The MEP performed a comprehensive, systematic literature review, including evidence available at the time. The MEP issued recommended criteria to evaluate whether an individual with a history of epilepsy, a single unprovoked seizure, or a provoked seizure should be allowed to drive a CMV.

¹ Appendix A to Part 391, Title 49, available at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix+A+to+Part+391>.

² "Expert Panel Recommendations, Seizure Disorders and Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Safety," Medical Expert Panel (Oct. 15, 2007), available at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2020-04/Seizure-Disorders-MEP-Recommendations-v2-prot%2010152007.pdf>.

On January 15, 2013, FMCSA began granting exemptions, on a case-by-case basis, to individual drivers from the physical qualification standard regarding seizures and loss of consciousness in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) (78 FR 3069). The Agency considers the medical advisory criteria, the 2007 MEP recommendations, any public comments received, and each individual's medical information and driving record in deciding whether to grant the exemption.

The six individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

IV. Qualifications of Applicants

Bryce Bandelin

Bryce Bandelin is a 26-year-old class D license holder in Minnesota. He has a history of seizure disorder and has been seizure free since May 1, 2021. He takes anti-seizure medications with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since May 1, 2021. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

Ross Bierman

Ross Bierman is a 44-year-old class A commercial driver's license (CDL) holder in Illinois. He has a history of a single unprovoked seizure and has been seizure free since April 8, 2013. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since June 2025. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

Romain Brady

Romain Brady is a 32-year-old class D license holder in New York. He has a history of epilepsy and has been seizure free since 2023. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since April 2023. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

Richard Charron

Richard Charron is a 38-year-old class E license holder in Florida. He has a history of epilepsy and has been seizure free since 2023. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since September 2023. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

Douglas Metzler

Douglas Metzler is a 37-year-old class AM CDL holder in Pennsylvania. He has a history of a single provoked seizure and has been seizure free since June 11, 2023. He discontinued all anti-seizure medication in November 2023. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

George Wilhoit

George Wilhoit is a 55-year-old class A CDL holder in Pennsylvania. He has a history of seizure disorder and has been seizure free since December 13, 2023. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since December 2023. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

V. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption applications described in this notice. FMCSA will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated under the **DATES** section of the notice.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2026-0562]

Agency Information Collection Activities; New Information Collection: Techniques for Preventing and Enforcing Controlled Substance and Alcohol Violations Among Non-Commercial Driver's License Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval and invites public comment. This notice invites comments on a proposed information collection titled "Techniques for Preventing and Enforcing Controlled Substance and

Alcohol Violations Among Non-CDL Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers." This research study will collect data from State partner agency representatives to assess ways to address controlled substance and alcohol violations among non-commercial driver's license (CDL) commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers and improve abilities to prevent, detect, and enforce these violations.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before August 21, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2026-0562 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, W58-213, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, W58-213, 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.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcelo Perez, Senior Transportation Specialist, Applied Research Division, FMCSA, 300 E 8th Street, Suite 130; Austin, TX 78701; (512) 916-5473; marcelo.perez@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Instructions**

All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2026-0562), 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.

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 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

Substance use among CMV drivers continues to be a serious concern, despite strict regulations aimed at preventing drug and alcohol offenses. A recent study conducted in 2022 found that nearly one in five CMV drivers tested positive for controlled substances, with alcohol and Tetrahydrocannabinol showing up in 4 percent of samples and opiates detected in 1.5 percent.¹ Similarly, 2022 data from FMCSA revealed 2.8 percent of fatal crashes involving large trucks involved truck drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher, double the legal limit for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders (0.04 BAC).² Additionally, about 5.5 percent of CMV drivers involved in fatal crashes tested positive for illicit drugs, though testing was not

¹ Soccolich, S.A., Camden, M.C., Glenn, T.L., Links-Owens, C., Hall, A., Hodge, J., & Hanowski, R.J. (2022). *Estimating the prevalence of synthetic cannabinoid use among commercial motor vehicle drivers: Developing a pilot test to collect data on substance use*. Report No. 22-UI-104. National Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence.

² FMCSA. (2025). *Large Truck and Bus Crash Facts 2022*. Publication No. FMCSA-RRR-24-001. Washington, DC: USDOT.