

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 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)).

The 12 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

IV. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if the person has failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption, or if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of Title 49, chapter 313 or section 31136, FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

V. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 12 applicants have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement. The 12 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 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, or greater than, the level of safety that would be achieved without the exemption.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of September and are discussed below.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 11 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Weston Arthurs (CA)
Jerritt Boehle (IL)
Barry Carpenter (SD)
Michael Cover (MI)
Lyle Eash (OH)
Richard Hoots, III (AR)
Michael McCarthy (MN)
D'Nielle Smith (OH)
Michael Sweet Sr. (GA)
Darren Talley (NC)
Wayne Turner (IL)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2013–0122, FMCSA–2014–0106, FMCSA–2015–0326, FMCSA–2015–0328, FMCSA–2015–0329, FMCSA–2016–0002, FMCSA–2017–0059, FMCSA–2017–0060, FMCSA–2022–0033, or FMCSA–2022–0034. Their exemptions were applicable as of September 6, 2026, and will expire on September 6, 2028.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), Jonathan Kelly (TX) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers.

This driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2020–0026. The exemption was applicable as of September 14, 2026, and will expire on September 14, 2028.

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.

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 12 exemption renewal applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the above-named drivers from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), and FMCSA's policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, 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 THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request on Tax Return Preparer Complaint Process and Fraud or Misconduct Affidavit

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the IRS is inviting comments on the information collection request outlined in this notice.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 23, 2026 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or by email to pra.comments@irs.gov. Include "OMB Control No. 1545-2168" in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of this collection should be directed to LaNita Van Dyke, 202-317-6009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the IRS assess the impact and minimize the burden of its information collection requirements. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record, and viewable on relevant websites. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Title: Tax Return Preparer Complaint Process and Fraud or Misconduct Affidavit.

OMB Control Number: 1545-2168.

Form Numbers: 14157 and 14157-A.

Abstract: These forms (14157 and 14157-A), are designed specifically for tax return preparer complaints and include the items necessary for the IRS to evaluate and route to the appropriate

function. The form will be used by taxpayers to report allegations of misconduct by tax return preparers.

Current Actions: There is no change to the previously approved information collection;

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Private Sector.

Estimated Number of Responses: 7,500.

Estimated Time per Response: 12 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,593.

Dated: September 19, 2026.

LaNita Van Dyke,
Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

United States Mint

Notification of Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee Public Meeting—October 6, 2026

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

Pursuant to United States Code, Title 31, section 5135(b)(8)(C), the United States Mint announces the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) public meeting scheduled for October 6, 2026.

Date: October 6, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET).

Location: Remote via Videoconference.

Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 CCAC Annual Report; review and discussion of the candidate designs for the 2028 American Innovation \$1 Coin Program: Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota; and review and discussion of the candidate designs for the 2027 Comic Art Coin and Medal Program.

Interested members of the public may watch the meeting via live stream on the United States Mint's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/usmint>. To watch the meeting live, members of the public may click on the "October 6, 2026" icons under the Live Tab on the specific day.

The public should call the CCAC HOTLINE at (202) 354-7502 for the latest updates on meeting time and access information.

The CCAC advises the Secretary of the Treasury on any theme or design proposals relating to circulating coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national and other medals; advises the Secretary of the Treasury

with regard to the events, persons, or places to be commemorated by the issuance of commemorative coins in each of the five calendar years succeeding the year in which a commemorative coin designation is made; and makes recommendations with respect to the mintage level for any commemorative coin recommended.

For members of the public interested in watching online, this is a reminder that the remote access is for observation purposes only. Members of the public may submit matters for the CCAC's consideration by email to info@ccac.gov.

For Accommodation Request: If you require an accommodation to watch the CCAC meeting, please contact the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity by September 29, 2026. You may submit an email request to Reasonable.Accommodations@usmint.treas.gov or call 202-354-7260 or 1-888-646-8369 (TTY).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Megan Sullivan, United States Mint Liaison to the CCAC; 801 9th Street NW; Washington, DC 20220; email megan.sullivan@usmint.treas.gov or call 202-354-7517.

(Authority: 31 U.S.C. 5135(b)(8)(C).)

Eric Anderson,

Executive Secretary, United States Mint.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0922]

Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: IBM SkillsBuild Training Program Intake Application

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, will submit the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden, and it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments and recommendations for the proposed