

New CDL (Class A, B, and C) Medical Certification Requirements

New Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations require **certain** Commercial Driver License (CDL) holders to mail or fax a **copy (not the actual card)** of their Medical Certificate to the Drivers License Division in Bismarck. This must be done at least 10 days prior to visiting a driver license site for your renewal or issuance of a commercial permit or transfer of an out of state CDL to North Dakota. If you are one of the drivers required to submit a copy of your medical certificate to our office, you are also required to keep your medical certificate current even during times you are not actively driving commercial motor vehicles.

If you are required to mail or fax a copy of your medical certificate to the Drivers License Division, failure to do so will result in downgrading your commercial driving privileges to noncommercial driving privileges only. Downgrading will also occur if you allow your medical certificate to expire.

Note: your record will be updated sooner if you fax the copy to us.

Please mail or fax a copy of your medical certificate, including your name and telephone number, to:

Drivers License Division
608 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505-0750 or
Fax to 701-328-0308

Note: Do not bring your medical certificate to the local driver license sites. A copy of it must be mailed or faxed to Bismarck at least 10 days prior to visiting the driver license site.

How do I know if this applies to me?

The **Self-Certification Category Chart** describes four categories of CDL drivers. **Only Category 1** (Interstate and subject to 49 CFR part 391) drivers are required to mail or fax a copy of the medical certificate to our office.

What is deemed Interstate transportation?

Interstate is defined as trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States:

- Between a place in a State and place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States); or
- Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States; or
- Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside the State or the United States.

Self-Certification Category Chart

Category 1: Interstate and subject to 49 CFR part 391. *A copy of the Medical Certificate must be faxed or mailed to the North Dakota Drivers License Division.*

- All Class A, B, and C drivers who do NOT fall under any of the other categories.
- All Class A, B, and C drivers granted a federal vision or diabetes exemption; or SPE-limb impairment Skill Performance Evaluation.

Category 2: Interstate, but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3. *Medical monitoring may be required by the North Dakota Drivers License Division pending certain medical conditions.*

- School bus operations. *Check Category 2 if crossing state lines. Check Category 3 if NOT crossing state lines. Medical Certificate must be carried by the driver in both cases.*
- Transportation performed by the Federal government, a State, or any political subdivision of a State.
- Occasional transportation of personal property by individuals *not for compensation*, nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.
- The transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons.
- The operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations.
- A 9 to 15 passenger van, including the driver, weighing less than 26,001 gross vehicle weight rating, and *not for compensation*.
- Apiarian industries (Beekeepers).
- Farm custom operations (Custom Harvesters).
- Non-articulated farm vehicle drivers operating within a 150 mile radius of the farm.
- Private motor carrier of passengers (nonbusiness). For example, organizations exempt from the Internal Revenue Code that provide transportation for their members.
- Emergency delivery of propane winter heating fuel and pipeline response.
- Drivers of migrant workers (must meet minimum medical standards only; 49 CFR 398.3).

Category 3: Intrastate and subject to State driver qualification requirements.

Medical Certificate must be carried by the driver.

- North Dakota drivers granted a State Waiver for vision and insulin controlled diabetes (Restriction 0; Class A, B, C valid for Intrastate only).
- **In-state** drivers of vehicles over 26,000 pounds, placarded hazardous material, vehicles designed to transport 16 or more persons including the driver, and school vehicles designed to seat ten or more passengers.

Category 4: Intrastate, but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or part of the State driver qualification requirements. *No medical certificate required. Medical monitoring may be required by the North Dakota Drivers License Division pending certain medical conditions.*

- Bonafide farmer or rancher operating articulated farm vehicles within a 150 mile radius of the farm or ranch **and** does NOT cross state lines.
 - Business vehicles 10,001 to 26,000 lbs. GVWR that do NOT cross state lines, do NOT transport hazardous material that requires placarding, and are NOT designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the driver.
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