

**NATIONAL REGISTRY OF
CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MODULE 4
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AND COMPLYING WITH NATIONAL
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Introduction

This module will help you, the Medical Examiner (ME), be proficient in:

1. The administrative aspects of using the National Registry including where to find the ME User Guide and instructional videos.
2. Correctly completing the driver examination forms required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs).

Topic 4.1: The National Registry

This topic will review the administrative aspects of using the National Registry including where to find the ME User Guide and instructional videos.

There will be a knowledge check regarding the information covered in the section to test your knowledge.

ME User Guide and Instructional Videos

The ME User Guide and instructional videos are resources that you as the ME should use when you have questions about using your National Registry account. The ME User Guide and instructional videos can be found in the menu on the left side of your screen once you have signed into your account. Both of these items will be referenced in this topic indicating where to find step by step instructions for specific National Registry account tasks.

Use of Login.gov

Login.gov is a Federal requirement that provides secure and private online access to government programs, such as Federal benefits, services and applications. With a login.gov account, you can sign into multiple government websites with the same email address and password.

Login.gov uses two-factor authentication and stronger passwords that meet new National Institute of Standards of Technology requirements for secure validation and verification. By using login.gov, you get an extra layer of security to help protect your National Registry account against security breaches.

If an ME is not able to access their National Registry account, it may be because they have not migrated their account using login.gov. MEs who have not migrated their account are not in compliance with the FMCSRs and will be removed from the National Registry in the near future.

FMCSA Information Technology (IT) Rules of Behavior

As users of the National Registry, during the registration process, and on an annual basis, you agreed to FMCSA's IT Rules of Behavior.

As part of accepting the IT Rules of Behavior, you agreed to accept any written communication from FMCSA relating to your participation on the National Registry by email at the professional contact email address you provided to FMCSA in your profile information.

FMCSA uses the professional contact email address you provided in your profile to communicate important information, regulatory changes, special instructions, and ME removal notifications. Therefore, it is extremely important that MEs keep their contact information up to date and adhere to information provided in emails from FMCSA.

National Registry Terms of Use

As users of the National Registry, during the registration process, and on an annual basis, you agreed to the National Registry's Terms of Use.

As part of agreeing to the National Registry's Terms of Use, you agreed to report to FMCSA any changes in your registration information submitted under § 390.103(a)(2) within 30 days of the change (e.g., practice address, employer address, phone number, email address, or expiration date of medical license) by updating your National Registry profile. To remain in compliance with the FMCSRs, it is important that you update the information in your profile any time there is a change as not updating it is grounds for removal from the National Registry.

FMCSA encourages all MEs taking this training to enter their profile information and ensure that their National Registry profile is up to date using the instructions in the next section.

Updating Your National Registry Account Profile

Once logged in to your National Registry account, you may update to your profile by selecting "My Profile" from the menu on the left side of the screen followed by selecting "Manage User Information."

Once "Manage User Information" has been selected, you will have the opportunity to update your user, practice, employer, medical license, and training information using the expand and edit functions. For detailed instructions with screenshots, refer to pages 2–22 of the ME User Guide.

FMCSA has identified the following areas of concern regarding MEs not adhering to the regulatory requirements to update their profiles when changes occur:

- **Not updating the expiration date for a medical license in their National Registry profile when the medical license has been renewed**
 - MEs are required to report to FMCSA any changes in the information they provided during registration within 30 days of the change.
- **Having a State listed for a practice location that is different from the State(s) listed for medical licensure**

- MEs must continue to be licensed, certified, or registered, and authorized to perform physical examinations, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of **each** State in which the ME performs examinations.
- **Not providing updates when there is a change to their contact information such as address, phone number, and email address**
 - During registration as an ME, you agreed to receive FMCSA information via the email address associated with your National Registry account. The update to your email address is necessary for FMCSA to be able to contact you regarding any information, regulatory changes, or actions that must be taken by you regarding the examinations you are certified to perform. FMCSA also may need to contact you by phone or mail.
- **Not migrating their account to login.gov but using Medical Examiner Administrative Assistants (MEAAs) or Third Party Organizations (TPOs) to upload results of examinations on their behalf**
 - The use of login.gov is required to meet National Institute of Standards of Technology requirements for secure validation and verification. All National Registry account holders are required to use login.gov to access their National Registry account.

All issues listed above are grounds for removal from the National Registry. FMCSA encourages all MEs taking this training to enter their profile information and ensure that their National Registry profile is up to date.

Designating a Medical Examiner Administrative Assistants (MEAAs)

As a certified ME, you are responsible for meeting all the regulatory requirements of the National Registry. However, you may designate an MEAA to upload results of physical qualification examinations you conduct on your behalf.

An MEAA is an individual (e.g., Medical Assistant, Administrative Assistant, etc.) that works in your medical practice. Each MEAA must register with the National Registry and receive an MEAA ID#. This step must be accomplished prior to the MEAA being searchable in the next step.

To designate an MEAA, select “Designations” from the menu, then select “Designate MEAA” and search for the MEAA you wish to designate. Follow the instructions on the screen for selecting and submitting the designation request. A notification will be sent to the MEAA for them to either accept or decline the request.

The National Registry system allows all MEAAs, designated by a certified ME, to have full access to all results of examinations completed by the certified ME that has designated them as an MEAA. Therefore, MEs should review their MEAA designations to ensure that only those MEAAs that are actively uploading results on the ME’s behalf have access to do so. To protect the privacy of the results of examinations conducted, MEs should sever the designation of any MEAA that no longer works with the ME and should no longer have access to this information.

For detailed instructions with screenshots, refer to pages 54–67 of the ME User Guide or watch the instructional video regarding designating and managing MEAAs.

Severing an MEAA Designation

To sever the designation of an MEAA, from your National Registry account, select “Designations” from the menu, then select “Manage MEAA Designations.” Use the search function to find the MEAA designation to be severed and select the Action of Sever Designation.

For detailed instructions with screenshots, refer to pages 64–67 of the ME User Guide or watch the instructional video regarding designating and managing MEAAs.

Designating a Third Party Organization (TPO)

As a certified ME, you are responsible for meeting all the regulatory requirements of the National Registry. However, you may designate a TPO to upload results of physical qualification examinations you conduct on your behalf.

A TPO is an organization that you have a business agreement with to upload results of physical qualification examinations you conduct on your behalf. All TPOs must first register with the National Registry and be approved by FMCSA before they are searchable and able to upload results of physical qualification examinations on behalf of certified MEs.

To designate a TPO, select “Designations” from the menu, then select “Designate TPO” and search for the TPO you wish to designate. Once you find the TPO you wish to designate, select the tick box next to the TPO ID#, follow the instructions on the screen, and select submit. As with MEAA designations, MEs should sever the designation of any TPO that no longer works with the ME.

For detailed instructions with screenshots, refer to pages 67–73 of the ME User Guide or watch the instructional video regarding designating and managing TPOs.

Severing a TPO Designation

To sever the designation of a TPO, from your National Registry account, select “Designations” from the menu, then select “Manage TPO Designations.” Use the search function to find the TPO designation to be severed and select the Action of Sever Designation.

For detailed instructions with screenshots, refer to pages 70–73 of the ME User Guide or watch the instructional video regarding designating and managing MEAAs.

Topic 4.1: Knowledge Check - The National Registry Website

True or False: ME’s can be removed from the National Registry for not keeping their account profile up to date.

- a. True
- b. False

The correct answer is a. True. Failure to update an MEs National Registry profile is grounds for removal from the National Registry for non-compliance with the FMCSRs.

Topic 4.2: FMCSA Reporting Requirements

This topic will help you better understand the requirements under 49 CFR 391.43 of the FMCSRs regarding completion of the driver examination forms.

There will be a knowledge checks regarding the information covered in the section to test your knowledge.

Driver Examination Forms

The Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule amended the FMCSRs to require MEs to use newly revised driver examination forms (the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850; the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875; and the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876) discussed in the final rule beginning December 22, 2015.

The Qualifications of Drivers; Diabetes Standard final rule amended the FMCSRs to require MEs to use the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, beginning November 19, 2018.

The Qualifications of Drivers; Vision Standard final rule amended the FMCSRs to require MEs to use the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, beginning March 22, 2022.

There are five driver examination forms required by FMCSRs, which we will review in this topic:

- Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875
- CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850 (electronic only)
- Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876
- Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870
- Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871

There is one optional form which we will review in this topic:

- 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895

Fillable PDF versions of these forms are available on the Resource Center page of the National Registry (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/resource-center>) and the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>).

The CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, is an electronic form that is only available through the ME's National Registry account. All other forms can be completed by typing into the electronic PDF form or by printing the form and handwriting information onto the hard copy. In addition, the ME may print the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, from their National Registry account if the information is entered into the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, at the time of the examination.

FMCSA does NOT provide the forms for purchase. However, if an ME chooses to purchase these forms from a company that provides them, it is the responsibility of the ME to ensure the forms are the current Office of Management and Budget approved version and properly manage supplies as these forms are

updated at least every three years. Please note that the information collection that contains these forms is approved at least every three years.

Records Retention

MEs must adhere to the requirements of 49 CFR 391.43(i) *Medical examination; certificate of physical qualification*:

391.43(h)(i) Each original (paper or electronic) completed Medical Examination Report and a copy or electronic version of each medical examiner's certificate must be retained on file at the office of the medical examiner for at least 3 years from the date of examination. The medical examiner must make all records and information in these files available to an authorized representative of FMCSA or an authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement agency representative, within 48 hours after the request is made.

MEs must adhere to the requirement of 49 CFR 391.46 *Physical qualification standards for an individual with diabetes mellitus treated with insulin for control*:

391.46(c)(1) The medical examiner must receive a completed Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, signed and dated by the individual's treating clinician for each required examination. This Form shall be treated and retained as part of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

MEs must adhere to the requirement of 49 CFR 391.44 *Physical qualification standards for an individual who does not satisfy, with the worse eye, either the distant visual acuity standard with corrective lenses or the field of vision standard, or both*:

391.44(c)(1) The medical examiner must receive a completed Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, signed and dated by an ophthalmologist or optometrist for each required examination. This Report shall be treated and retained as part of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

If the ME has used the optional 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, to assist them in making a physical qualification determination, it is recommended that the 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, be retained as part of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

Topic 4.2.1: Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875

The Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, can be found in the National Registry Resource Center (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/resource-center>) and on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>). While reviewing this section of the periodic training, we suggest you open a copy of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, from one of these links as a reference.

What is the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875

The Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, documents the results of each physical qualification examination the ME conducts. MEs must complete a Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, for all CMV driver examinations conducted.

As part of the physical qualification examination, drivers are required to provide information about their medical history. They provide this information by completing the driver health history portion of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

After the driver completes the health history section of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, the ME must fill out the remainder of the form. MEs must complete all fields on the form and retain the original paper or electronic copy for at least three years from the date of the examination.

This form is not submitted to FMCSA unless specifically requested by FMCSA.

Changes to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875

Prior to publication of the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule in 2015, FMCSA allowed results of examinations performed to be recorded "substantially in accordance with" the examination forms provided in the regulation.

As a result of the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule, use of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, and Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, are required and results of examinations must be recorded on these specific forms.

These forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and are published in 49 CFR 391.43(f)(2) and (h)(2), and therefore, must be used "as is." However, there are a few minor changes that are permissible (see below).

Permissible changes to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875:

- A bar code may be added to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, for purposes of forms management in the ME's office, as long as it does not obscure any of the content of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.
- The instructions may be resized, as long as all the content is still legible.
- The instructions may be made available to the driver and the ME separately from the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.
- The Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, may be filed/stored without the instructions.
- The Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, may be printed in black and white.

These are the only changes allowed. Anything other than what is described above is not allowed including, but not limited to, adding company information or a logo, adding a form number, adding a revision date, rearranging content, placing disclaimers on the back of the forms, etc.

Completing the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875

The Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, has several sections that the ME is required to complete. As part of the National Registry performance monitoring and auditing of MEs, FMCSA reviews Medical Examination Report Forms, MCSA-5875, to ensure that all sections of the form have been completed as failure to do so indicates that the ME is not in compliance with 49 CFR 391.43 which is grounds for removal from the National Registry. Completion of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, should include providing details such as diagnoses, date of onset, names and dosages of medications, etc. During FMCSA reviews of Medical Examination Report Forms, MCSA-5875, it is often found that there is not enough information to clearly understand the medical history reviewed as part of the qualification decision. This information is necessary to assist FMCSA in determining if the ME applied the FMCSRs correctly in making a qualification determination or whether a driver has falsified information.

Below is an overview of each section, a description of the information required to be provided, and information outlining issues FMCSA often identifies when completing reviews of Medical Examination Report Forms, MCSA-5875, during ME performance monitoring and auditing.

Expiration Date in the top right corner of the form

The expiration date located on the top right corner of the form indicates the date the information collection approval for the form expires with the Office of Management and Budget. This is renewed every three years and updated forms are provided by FMCSA.

Medical Record Number

A medical record number is not required for the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875. This space may be left blank or used by an ME's office to record whatever medical record number used by their clinic, employee ID, driver ID, or otherwise.

Driver's Address

The driver's address listed on the driver examination forms must be the driver's current address which may be different from the address on the driver's license. The driver's current address is needed in case FMCSA needs to contact the driver.

Driver's Date of Birth

A physical qualification examination can be conducted for individuals younger than 21. Subject to limited exceptions, the FMCSRs require a CMV driver to be 21 years old to operate in interstate commerce. However, some States allow individuals to operate CMVs in intrastate commerce at the age of 18. The National Registry system will allow physical qualification examinations to be submitted for individuals who are 16 years old or older.

Driver's License Number

MEs can conduct a physical qualification examination for an individual who does not have a driver's license. In this case, the driver's license number should be recorded as "NONE" when submitting the examination results to the National Registry.

State/Province Field

The State/Province field was expanded to include Canadian Provinces to allow MEs to report examinations conducted on non-commercial driver's license (CDL) drivers from Canada. FMCSA's reciprocity agreement with Canada allows CDL drivers to operate a CMV in the United States without being examined and certified by an ME listed on the National Registry because they are medically examined as part of obtaining a CDL in Canada.

Non-CDL drivers in Canada are not required to complete a medical examination. Therefore, in order for non-CDL drivers from Canada to legally operate a CMV in the United States in interstate commerce, they must be examined by an ME on the National Registry and meet the physical qualification standards outlined in the FMCSRs.

MEs can conduct a physical qualification examination for and issue a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, to drivers with a license issued by a jurisdiction outside the United States (i.e., the 50 States and the District of Columbia). However, if an examination is conducted on a foreign driver, it is not required to be uploaded into the National Registry, but if the driver is qualified, a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, should be provided to the driver.

Driver ID Verified By

On page one of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, where it is labeled "Driver ID verified by**" the ME must enter the type of photo ID the ME used to verify the driver's identity, such as a CDL, driver's license, or passport etc.

Driver Health History

This section is filled out by the driver and consists of Personal Information, Driver Health History, and the CMV Driver's Signature.

The purpose of the health history section of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, is to obtain information relevant to detecting the presence of conditions that may affect the ability for the driver to meet the physical qualification standards for operating a CMV. You must review and discuss with the driver any "Yes" or "Not Sure" answers and ensure that corresponding information is recorded on the form with appropriate details such as diagnoses, date of onset, names and dosages of medications, etc.

For each "Yes" or "Not Sure" answer:

- Ask about history, diagnosis, treatment, and response to treatment.
- Explore underlying cause, precipitating events, and other pertinent facts.
- Refer to the primary care provider to obtain additional tests or consultations, as necessary, to assist in making a physical qualification determination.
- Review and discuss the driver's response to treatment and medications currently or recently used, including over-the-counter medications, and discuss any potential effects and side effects that may interfere with driving. As needed, you should also educate the driver regarding drug

interactions with other prescription and nonprescription drugs and alcohol.

- Record all information and results on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.
- MEs are encouraged to request additional and current medical information from the driver's treating clinician to sufficiently assist them in making a physical qualification determination and for how long to issue a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876. FMCSA provides the 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, as an optional tool to gather information related to medication usage and medical diagnoses. This form can be found on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>).

By signing the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, the driver:

- Certifies that information is "accurate and complete."
- Acknowledges that providing inaccurate or false information or omitting information could:
 - Invalidate the examination and any certificate issued based on it.
 - Result in civil or criminal penalties against the driver.

Driver Health History Review

As the ME conducting the driver's physical examination, you are required to complete the entire physical qualification examination even if you detect a medical condition that you consider disqualifying, such as deafness. MEs are expected to determine if the driver meets the physical qualification standards outlined in the FMCSRs. Thus, if you find a disqualifying condition for which a driver may receive a Federal medical exemption from FMCSA, please record that on the driver's Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, as well as on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

As the ME, you should review and discuss answers provided by the driver in the driver health history section ensuring you discuss any "Yes" and "Not Sure" responses and provide corresponding information on the form with appropriate details such as diagnoses, date of onset, names and dosages of medications, etc. You should explore with the driver any answers that seem unclear and record any information that the driver omitted. You should comment on the driver's responses to the "health history" questions and any review of relevant medical information that may impact your decision to certify the driver.

English Language Proficiency

MEs are not required to certify the extent to which a driver understands English. However, MEs should only conduct examinations when they are confident that they can communicate with drivers to the level that allows for a thorough examination to be conducted. As the signature authority on the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, MEs can turn the driver away if the level of English is not proficient enough to conduct the examination. Therefore, if the certifying ME cannot obtain a complete medical history to appropriately proceed with conducting a physical qualification examination with or without an interpreter, the ME should not conduct the examination.

Medication Use

You should be sure to compare the medication list to the health history responses ensuring that the medication list matches the medical conditions noted. In addition, because medication is frequently prescribed for diagnoses other than those for which it was originally intended to treat (i.e., off-label use), you should ask about the diagnosis for which each medication was prescribed. You should evaluate all such diagnoses under the appropriate physical qualification standard and document the medication use on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875. For example, if it is disclosed a driver is taking

gabapentin, you should ask why it has been prescribed and document the condition for which it was prescribed (“gabapentin for seizures,” “gabapentin for migraine prevention,” “gabapentin for nerve pain,” etc.) on the form.

If you have concerns about whether a driver is fully and accurately disclosing all prescribed medications, the 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, can be used as part of the physical qualification examination to request additional information regarding medications prescribed by the treating provider(s) with the driver’s consent. It can also be used as a tool to request additional information from the prescribing medical provider to determine if a driver is physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41(b)(12). The 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, is an optional form which can be found in the National Registry Resource Center (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/resource-center>) and on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>).

Drug and Alcohol Use

Questions 31 and 32 related to illegal drug use are included to better assist MEs in determining whether individuals meet the physical qualification standards in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(12)(i) and (ii). These two questions **are not** intended to involve the application and administration of the drug and alcohol testing requirements and the provisions under 49 CFR parts 40 and 382. You should assess and evaluate all “Yes” responses from drivers and may request additional information from the treating provider(s) about a driver’s medical history with the driver’s consent.

The FMCSRs do not include a mandatory waiting time prior to medical certification of CMV drivers after known or disclosed illegal drug use. If an ME has concerns about a driver’s substance abuse, the ME may decline to issue a Medical Examiner’s Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, until the ME’s concerns are satisfied through documentation from an appropriate treatment program, drug testing, and/or counseling.

MEs are not prohibited from conducting non-DOT drug/alcohol testing as a part of the medical certification process for persons who have admitted drug/ alcohol use to assist the ME with making a qualifying determination. However, if a non-DOT drug/alcohol test is ordered, a physical qualification determination should not be made until the results have been received. MEs are able to place a driver in a determination pending status until results have been received and a physical qualification determination can be made.

Please note that the non-DOT drug and or alcohol testing process does not require the use of a certified Substance Abuse Professional under the provisions of Part 40 or Part 382 of the FMCSRs.

Testing

You must document all testing and examination results in the correct sections of the form indicated below.

- **Pulse rate and rhythm, height, and weight:** record these as indicated on the form.
- **Blood Pressure:** record the blood pressure (systolic and diastolic) of the driver being examined. A second reading is optional and should be recorded if found to be necessary.
- **Urinalysis:** record the numerical readings for the specific gravity, protein, blood and sugar.

- Protein, blood, or sugar in the urine may be an indication for further testing to rule out any underlying medical problem such as diabetes mellitus, uncontrolled hypertension, and renal disease. If there is an excessive amount of sugar, blood, or protein in the urine, you should ask about diabetes mellitus or possible kidney disease. You may need to consult the driver's treating provider(s) to gather additional information with the driver's consent.
- **Vision:** The current vision standard is provided on the form. When other than the Snellen chart is used, give test results in Snellen-comparable values. When recording distance vision, use 20 feet as normal. Record the vision acuity results and indicate if the driver can recognize and distinguish among traffic control signals and devices showing red, green, and amber colors; has monocular vision; has been referred to an ophthalmologist or optometrist; and if documentation has been received from an ophthalmologist or optometrist.
 - Vision testing completed by an eye specialist
 - When the vision test is completed by an eye specialist not under the alternative vision standard, in addition to the vision results, the specialist should provide the specialist's name, telephone number, email address, license number, and State issuing the license, and sign and date the specialist vision examination report. The ME must attach the specialist vision examination report to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, and either write "see the attached documentation" in the vision test result section or write the information on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, in the vision test result section.
 - When the vision test is completed by an eye specialist as required under the alternative vision standard, the certified ME must receive the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, that has been completed and signed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist within 45 days prior to conducting the physical qualification examination. The Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, should be retained in the driver's record with the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.
 - The phrase "ability to recognize the colors of" in the vision standard is interpreted to mean, if the driver can recognize standard red, green, and amber colors, the driver meets the minimum standard, even though the driver may have some type of color perception deficiency. Color perception may be evaluated using a standard test (such as Ishihara, Pseudoisochromatic, Yarn, or Farnsworth) or a controlled test using standard red, green, and amber colors. Examples of controlled tests include the standard colors present on the Snellen chart or objects that correspond to the standard colors.
- **Hearing:** The current hearing standard is provided on the form. Hearing can be tested using either a whisper test or audiometric test. Record the test results in the corresponding section for the test used.
 - For the whispered voice test, the driver should be stationed at least 5 feet from the ME with the ear being tested turned toward the ME (the driver should not be facing the ME). The other ear is covered. Using the breath that remains after a normal expiration, the ME whispers words or random numbers such as 66, 18, 3, etc. The ME should then ask the driver to repeat the words or sequence. The ME should not use only sibilants ("s"

sounding materials). The opposite ear should be tested in the same manner. If the driver fails the whispered voice test in both ears, the audiometric test should be administered.

- When the hearing test is completed by an audiologist, the audiologist should provide the audiologist's name, telephone number, email address, license number, and State issuing the license, and date and sign the audiology report. The ME must attach the audiology report to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, and either write "see the attached documentation" in the hearing test result section or write the information on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, in the hearing test result section.
- When audiometric results are averaged (500Hz, 1000Hz, and 2000Hz), the results should **NOT** be rounded up when determining if the individual's level of hearing meets the hearing standard.
- The Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, and the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, should **NOT** reflect both "Qualified only when wearing a hearing aid" and "Accompanied by a waiver/exemption hearing." If the driver meets the hearing standard with the use of hearing aids, the driver is not required to obtain a Federal hearing exemption and the form should only indicate "Qualified only when wearing a hearing aid." This means that the individual must wear hearing aids while operating a CMV.

Physical Examination: You must check the body systems for abnormalities and indicate normal or abnormal for each body system listed. You should also discuss any abnormal answers in detail in the space provided and indicate whether it would impact the driver's ability to safely operate a CMV.

Medical Exemptions: FMCSA generally issues two types of medical exemptions to interstate CMV drivers who meet the Federal exemption criteria:

- Seizure exemptions - The maximum certification period for drivers issued a Federal seizure exemption is 12 months.
- Hearing exemptions - The maximum certification period for drivers issued a Federal hearing exemption is 24 months.

To indicate that a driver must apply for a medical exemption from the hearing or seizure standard, select "Accompanied by a waiver/exemption" and specify the type of exemption required on the Medical Examination Determination section of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

Although FMCSA generally issues medical exemptions for these two conditions, a driver can request an exemption/waiver for any condition under Part 381 *Waivers, Exemptions, and Pilot Programs*, of the FMCSRs.

As the ME, by selecting "Accompanied by a waiver/exemption" and specifying the type of Federal medical exemption, you are certifying that the driver: (1) Fails to meet the standard for the medical exemption specified; (2) Meets all other physical qualification requirements cited in 49 CFR 391.41(b); and (3) Is required to obtain the Federal medical exemption for the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, issued to be valid.

The driver must apply to FMCSA for a medical exemption and FMCSA only issues medical exemptions to drivers who operate in interstate commerce.

Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate

The SPE Certificate is for interstate CMV drivers with an amputation or a fixed-limb impairment that interferes with safe operation of a CMV, and the impairment is not related to a progressive condition.

By selecting the driver is qualified when “Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate” on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, the ME is certifying that the driver: (1) Fails to meet one or more of the limb requirements of 49 CFR 391.41(b)(1) or (b)(2); (2) Meets all other physical requirements cited in 49 CFR 391.41(b); and (3) Must have (obtain) both a valid SPE certificate and Medical Examiner’s Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. The ME should not ask the driver for a copy of their SPE certificate before issuing a Medical Examiner’s Certificate, Form MCSA-5876. The SPE application process requires the driver to first obtain a valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate, Form MCSA-5876.

Instructions and application information concerning the SPE Certificate program can be found on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/skill-performance-evaluation-certificate-program>).

FMCSA only issues SPE Certificates to interstate CMV drivers. If the driver is an intrastate driver or employed and paid by a municipality the driver must apply for a limb-waiver through the driver’s SDLA.

Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64

49 CFR 391.64 is the regulation for the grandfathering of certain drivers who participated in a vision waiver study program.

Until **March 22, 2023**, this category applies to a small number of drivers who participated in the Federal Vision Waiver Study Program conducted prior to the implementation of the Federal Vision Exemption Program. The maximum certification period is 12 months. Drivers that have been granted this right must provide the ME with a copy of their FMCSA issued letter granting them these rights at the time of the examination.

On and after **March 22, 2023**, drivers can no longer be physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.64. Any Medical Examiner’s Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, issued under the vision grandfather provision is void and MEs no longer need to check the box on the Medical Examiner’s Certificate associated with 49 CFR 391.64.

By selecting the “By Operation of 49 CFR 391.64” option on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, the ME certifies that the driver: (1) Presented a letter from FMCSA explaining that the driver participated in the Federal Vision Waiver Study Program in the early 1990’s and was allowed to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce (i.e., grandfathered) by operation of 49 CFR 391.64; (2) Provided the ME with a copy of the results of an evaluation conducted by an ophthalmologist or optometrist as outlined in 49 CFR 391.64(b); and (3) Continues to meet the requirements of 49 CFR 391.64. The Qualification of Drivers; Diabetes Standard final rule eliminated grandfather rights for individuals diagnosed with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus on November 19, 2019.

Determination Pending

The Determination Pending status allows the ME up to 45 days to obtain additional medical information and/or examination results for a driver that does not present a safety concern to the public. It also provides the ME additional time to make a determination as to whether or not the driver is physically qualified to drive a CMV in accordance with 49 CFR 391.41(b) *Physical qualifications for drivers*. If used, the ME is required to inform the driver that:

- The additional requested information and examination results must be provided to the ME within 45 days.
- The Determination Pending status will be reported to FMCSA.

If this category is selected, MEs should be aware that CMV drivers are eligible to continue operating if they have time left on their current Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876. Therefore, this should be factored into the decision to place a driver in a determination pending status. If the ME examines the driver and the condition is something that the ME determines precludes qualification, the ME should not use the determination pending category. Instead, the ME should not qualify the driver.

MEs can determine a date less than 45 days to require the driver to return with the required information. However, if the driver does not return with the information on or before 45 days, the examination is invalid and a new physical qualification examination must be administered.

If the driver does not return on or before the 45-day expiration date and the disposition of determination pending is not updated via the National Registry on or before the 45-day expiration date, the examination is no longer valid. The driver is required to get a new examination, and in this case, the ME must update the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, for this driver by selecting incomplete examination, specifying the reason, and filing the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, in the driver's record. The ME does not need to submit another CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, through their National Registry account.

There is only one situation in which FMCSA permits another ME to finish the examination and make a physical qualification determination after a driver is placed in a determination pending status. That situation is when the second ME works within the same practice as the initiating ME. The ME who makes the physical qualification determination is required to submit a new CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, through the ME's National Registry account to record the results of the examination.

Amending the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875

A Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, may only be amended when a driver is placed in a determination pending status for situations where new information (e.g., test results, etc.) has been received or there has been a change in the driver's medical status since the initial examination, but prior to a final qualification determination. MEs should select "Medical Examination Report amended" only when a Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, is being amended, provide the reason for the amendment, sign and date. In addition, initial and date any changes made on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

A Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, cannot be amended after a driver has been in a determination pending status for more than 45 days or after a final qualification determination has been

made. The driver is required to obtain a new physical examination and a new Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, should be completed.

Incomplete Examination

MEs should select the incomplete examination option when the physical examination is not completed for any reason (e.g., driver decides they do not want to continue with the examination and leaves) other than situations outlined under determination pending and should provide the reason on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875. Even if the examination has been completed, the physical qualification examination is considered incomplete if the driver refuses to sign the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876.

Medical Examiner Determination

Once MEs have completed the physical qualification examination and made a qualification determination, MEs must complete either the Medical Examiner Determination (Federal) or Medical Examiner Determination (State) portion of the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, not both.

Medical Examiner Determination (Federal)

The "Federal" radio circle should be selected when an ME conducts the physical qualification examination based on the Federal physical qualification standards found in 49 CFR 391.41 through 391.49. All interstate drivers with limited exceptions, and most intrastate drivers, require certification under the Federal standards. Often employers require certification under the Federal standards, even if it is not required by Federal law. Accordingly, most of the time the "Federal" radio circle should be selected. MEs should never select both the "Federal" and "State" radio circle.

You must complete the entire ME determination section.

- **Does not meet standards:** MEs must not certify a driver who does not meet one or more of the physical qualification standards outlined in 49 CFR 391.41, unless the ME determines the driver may qualify for a Federal medical exemption or an SPE Certificate.

MEs should complete the physical qualification examination of the driver and discuss with the driver the reason(s) for not certifying the driver and any steps that can be taken to meet the physical qualification standards. MEs must provide an explanation of why the driver does not meet the standards in 49 CFR 391.41.

MEs must not certify a driver who has provided information the ME believes is not true or correct (e.g., concealing a history of seizures).

When an ME determines a driver has a health history or condition that does not meet the physical qualification standards, the ME must NOT issue a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, but the ME is required to upload the certification result to the National Registry by submitting a CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, through the MEs National Registry account.

- **Meets standard in 49 CFR 391.41; qualifies for 2-year certificate:** Maximum certification may not exceed 24 months under the standard in 49 CFR 391.45(b). MEs must select all

categories that apply to the driver's certification (e.g., wearing corrective lenses, accompanied by a waiver/exemption, driving within an exempt intracity zone, etc.).

- **Meets standard, but periodic monitoring is required:** MEs should select this option when a driver is determined to be qualified but needs periodic monitoring. MEs should select the corresponding time frame the driver is qualified and if selecting other, specify the time frame. MEs must provide an explanation of why periodic monitoring is required. MEs must select all categories that apply to the driver's certification (e.g., wearing corrective lenses, accompanied by a waiver/exemption, driving within an exempt intracity zone, etc.).

There are specific situations in which the FMCSRs and medical exemption conditions prohibit qualification to exceed 12 months. Those situations are:

- Any driver who has diabetes mellitus treated with insulin for control and who has obtained a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, under the standards in 49 CFR 391.46;
- Any driver who has obtained a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, and been issued a Federal seizure exemption;
- Any driver authorized to operate a CMV only within an exempt intra-city zone pursuant to 49 CFR 391.62;
- Until March 22, 2023, any driver authorized to operate a CMV only by operation of the exemption for vision in 49 CFR 391.64 (grandfathered); and
- Any driver who has obtained a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, under the alternative vision standards in 49 CFR 391.44.

Although MEs cannot exceed the maximum certification period of 24 months (and in some cases not more than 12 months), MEs may certify a driver for less than 24 months when they determine they need to monitor the driver more frequently. The certification period could be longer or shorter based on the ME's assessment and medical judgment. MEs are never required to certify a driver for a certification interval longer than what they deem necessary to adequately monitor whether the driver meets the physical qualification standards.

Medical Examiner Determination (State)

This section is for examinations performed in accordance with the FMCSRs (49 CFR 391.41-391.49) with any applicable State variances (which will only be valid for intrastate operations).

The second "State" radio circle should be selected when an ME conducted the physical qualification examination based on State physical qualification standards. These alternative State standards would be found within a set of State regulations or rules. Few states have separate physical qualification standards for a driver examination; therefore, it is unlikely that this option should be selected. MEs should never select both the "Federal" and "State" radio circle.

You must complete the entire ME determination section.

- **Does not meet standards in 49 CFR 391.41 with any applicable State variances:** MEs should select this option when a driver is determined to be not qualified and provide an explanation of

why the driver does not meet the standards in 49 CFR 391.41 with any applicable State variances.

- **Meets standards in 49 CFR 391.41 with any applicable State variances:** MEs should select this option when a driver is determined to be qualified and will be issued a 2-year Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876. MEs should select all categories that apply to the driver's certification (e.g., wearing corrective lenses, accompanied by a waiver/exemption, etc.).
- **Meets standards, but periodic monitoring is required:** MEs should select this option when a driver is determined to be qualified but needs periodic monitoring. MEs should select the corresponding time frame that the driver is qualified and if selecting other, specify the time frame. MEs must provide an explanation of why periodic monitoring is required. MEs must select all categories that apply to the driver's certification (e.g., wearing corrective lenses, accompanied by a waiver/exemption, etc.).

ME Information, Signature, and Date

Once a determination has been made the ME should provide their name, address, phone number, occupation, license, certificate, or registration number and issuing State, National Registry number, signature, and date. Electronic signatures are acceptable.

Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date

- The Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date is intended to capture the expiration date of the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, that is being issued to the driver.
- The ME should use the date of issuance of the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, to calculate the Medical Examiner's Certificate expiration date. The date the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, is issued should be provided in the space for the "Date Certificate Signed" on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.
- If a physical qualification examination is performed on February 29th of a leap year, the Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date should be February 28th of the applicable year for a 12- or 24-month certificate.

Common Errors on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875

Some common errors FMCSA has found on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, while auditing include:

- The driver has not completed everything in the driver information section
- Driver's license number is missing
 - Should be recorded as "NONE" if the driver does not have a license
- ME fails to enter any information in driver health history review section
- ME fails to enter the correct level of information detail in driver health history review section
- Missing information, such as driver has monocular vision, or wears a hearing aid
- Pulse regularity missing

- Incomplete vision exams
 - Horizontal field of vision missing
 - Driver's ability to distinguish between red, green, and amber not noted
- Missing comments related to physical exam abnormalities
 - Such as details related to a limb amputation or impairment, cause of impairment, date of diagnosis/onset, etc.
- All boxes not checked in the physical examination section
- Missing information related to abnormal findings
- ME Determination Section
 - Both Federal and State sections have been completed
 - Must be either Federal or State, never both
- ME has selected Qualified only when "Wearing a hearing aid" and "Accompanied by a hearing waiver/exemption."
 - It should be one or the other, never both
 - If the driver meets the hearing standard while wearing a hearing aid, they do not need a Federal hearing exemption.
- ME has selected Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64 for a driver that does not have grandfather rights
 - Driver needs to provide letter issued by FMCSA as proof of being granted the grandfather right
- Missing driver or ME signatures
- MEC expiration date
 - No expiration date provided
 - Improper calculation of expiration date
 - Calculation exceeds 2 years
- ME fails to select options for requiring a medical exemption or SPE Certificate

Topic 4.2.1: Knowledge Check - Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875

True or False: The Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date for the qualification determination can exceed a 2-year period.

- a. True
- b. False

The correct answer is b. False. The qualification decision may be less than, but not more than, 2 years.

Topic 4.2.2: Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876

The Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, can be found in the National Registry Resource Center (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/resource-center>) and on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>). While reviewing this section of the periodic training, we suggest you open a copy of the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, from one of these links as a reference.

What is the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876

The Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, is proof that the driver has been examined by a certified ME and is physically qualified to operate a CMV.

MEs must complete the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, in addition to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, for each qualified driver they examine.

The Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, is not the same as the Medical Examiner Determination (State or Federal) section on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, but contains much of the same information.

Both the ME and the driver must sign the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876; electronic and handwritten signatures are acceptable.

MEs must provide qualified drivers with the original, paper Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876.

MEs must retain a paper or electronic copy of the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, for at least three years from the date of the examination.

Changes to the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876

As described in the previous topic, the driver examination forms have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget and are published in 49 CFR 391.43(f)(2) and (h)(2), and therefore, must be used "as is." However, there are a few minor changes to the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, that are permissible (see below).

- The Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876 may be reduced in size, as long as ALL the content is still legible.
- The Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876 may be printed in black and white.

Completing the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876

As part of the National Registry performance monitoring and auditing of MEs, FMCSA reviews Medical Examiner's Certificates, Form MCSA-5876, to ensure that all fields on the form have been completed as failure to do so indicates that the ME is not in compliance with 49 CFR 391.43 which is grounds for removal from the National Registry.

The information on the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, can be obtained from the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875. When recorded on this form, the information must be identical to what is recorded on the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875.

All data fields of the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, must be completed.

Common Errors on the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876

Some common errors FMCSA has found on the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, include:

- MEs not completing all fields on the form
- Missing driver or ME signatures
 - Both MEs and the driver must sign the form
- Issuance of the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, without the proper box being selected when an exemption or SPE Certificate is required
 - For example, the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, indicates that based on the examination, the driver must obtain an exemption or SPE but the box on the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, stating it is needed, is not selected
- Illegible handwriting
- ME has selected Qualified only when "Wearing a hearing aid" and "Accompanied by a hearing waiver/exemption"
 - It should be one or the other, never both
 - If the driver meets the hearing standard while wearing a hearing aid, they do not need a hearing exemption
- ME has selected Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64 for a driver that does not have grandfather rights
 - Driver needs to provide letter issued by FMCSA as proof
- MEC expiration date
 - No expiration date provided
 - Improper calculation of expiration date
 - Calculation exceeds 2 years

Topic 4.2.2: Knowledge Check - Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876

Who must sign the completed Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, for a physically qualified driver? Choose all that apply.

- a. The ME
- b. The Driver
- c. A representative from the SDLA
- d. The MEAA


The correct answers are a and b. Both the ME and the driver must sign the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876.

Topic 4.2.3: CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850

What is the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850

The CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, is electronic only and is used to report results of examinations performed to FMCSA through the MEs National Registry account.

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CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form

CMV Driver's Name and Address <small>(use Legal Name as listed on Government-Issued Identification)</small>			
Last Name: <u>James</u>		First Name: <u>Lily</u>	Middle Initial: <u>NMN</u> <small>(enter "NMN" if driver does not have a middle name)</small>
Street Address: <u>1200 New Jersey Ave,</u>		City: <u>Washington</u>	State/Province: <u>MD</u> Zip Code: <u>20675-</u>
		E-mail: _____ <small>(optional)</small>	
CMV Driver's License Information			
Driver's License Number: <u>12334-0000</u>		Issuing State/Province: <u>Maryland</u>	Date of Birth: <u>06/01/1998</u> <small>(use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small>
CLP/CDL Applicant/Holder: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
Examination Information <small>(please complete only one of the Examination Information sections below)</small>			
<p><i>Use this section for examinations performed in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49):</i></p> <p>Examination Result: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Medically Qualified Date MEC signed/issued: <u>06/01/2022</u> <small>(use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Medically Unqualified Date of examination/determination: _____ <small>(use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Determination Pending Date of examination: _____ <small>(use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/> Incomplete Examination Date of examination: _____ <small>(use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small></p> <p>Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date: <u>06/01/2024</u> <small>(applicable when "Medically Qualified" is selected above) (use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small></p>		<p>or</p> <p><i>Use this section for examinations performed in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 391.41-391.49), with any applicable State variances:</i></p> <p>Date of Examination: _____ <small>(use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small></p> <p>Examination Result: <input type="radio"/> Medically Qualified <input checked="" type="radio"/> Medically Unqualified</p> <p>Medical Examiner's Certificate Expiration Date: _____ <small>(applicable when "Medically Qualified" is selected above) (use mm/dd/yyyy format)</small></p>	
Restrictions and Variances <small>(check all that apply)</small>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Wearing corrective lenses <input type="checkbox"/> Wearing hearing aid <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanied by a waiver/exemption <small>(specify type):</small> _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accompanied by a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE) Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Driving within an exempt intracity zone (49 CFR 391.62) <small>(Federal)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Qualified by operation of 49 CFR 391.64 <small>(Federal)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Grandfathered from State requirements <small>(State)</small>	

Completing the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850

The information on the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, can be obtained from the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875. The information on the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, is used to populate the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, for qualified drivers when printed from the National Registry at the time of the examination.

Please note, as discussed in a previous module, when the transmission of MEC information from the National Registry to the SDLAs occurs, ensuring that all the demographic driver information is correct will be extremely important as to not receive a “no match found” error in which the ME would be required to correct and resubmit the examination results.

Submitting the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850

MEs submit results of physical qualification examinations conducted using the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, through their National Registry account by following these steps:

1. Log in to your National Registry account and Select “CMV Driver Medical Examinations” from the menu on the left side of the screen.
2. Select “Add New.”
3. Select the medical license you used to conduct the physical qualification examination and complete all of the fields on the screen.
4. Once all the information has been entered and you have ensured that it is accurate, select “Submit.”

For detailed instructions with screenshots, refer to pages 73–84 of the ME User Guide or view the video regarding submitting CMV driver examinations.

Reporting No Examinations Conducted During a Month

49 CFR 391.43(g)(5)(ii) requires that when an ME does not perform a physical qualification examination of any driver who is required to be examined by an ME listed on the National Registry during any calendar month, the ME must report that fact to FMCSA, via the National Registry, by the close of business on the last day of such month.

To do this, log in to your National Registry account and select “CMV Driver Medical Examinations” and then select “Report No Exams for the Current Month.” For detailed instructions with screenshots, see pages 93-95 of the ME User Guide.

If you fail to report that you have not completed any exams, you are in violation of the FMCSRs, which is grounds for removal from the National Registry.

Please note that this reporting must be done by the ME and cannot be completed by the MEAA or TPO.

View Driver Examination Results

To view previously submitted examination results, once logged into your National Registry account, use the menu to select “CMV Driver Examinations” and then select “search.” From the search screen you can use the filters to specify the results you would like to view, or you can select search without selecting any filters to see all results of examinations submitted by you or on your behalf. For detailed instructions with screenshots, see pages 85-91 of the ME User Guide.

Updating CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850

Once results of a CMV driver examination have been submitted using the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, the results cannot be edited. To make corrections or to update an examination result for a previously submitted examination result, MEs must submit a new CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850. For detailed instructions with screenshots, see pages 85-91 of 73-84 the ME User Guide. However, after the Medical Examiner’s Certification

Integration final rule compliance date of June 23, 2025, the National Registry will be updated to allow MEs to make corrections to examination results submitted.

If an ME attempts to submit duplicate results, they will receive an alert that a duplicate examination result cannot be submitted. To view submitted CMV Driver Medical Examination Results and determine if the correct information has been entered:

1. Log in to your National Registry account.
2. Select “CMV Driver Medical Examinations” from the menu.
3. Select “Search”
4. Find the examination result you are looking for and select the link to view the CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850. If a Medical Examiner’s Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, has been issued, you can also select it for viewing or printing.

Using an MEAA or TPO to Upload Results of Examinations

As discussed above, MEs may use an MEAA or an FMCSA-approved TPO to upload results of examinations on their behalf.

MEs can designate an MEAA or TPO through their National Registry account. Only those MEAAs that have registered with the National Registry and TPOs who have signed an agreement and been approved by FMCSA to upload examinations are available for designation.

Designating an MEAA or TPO through the ME’s National Registry account informs FMCSA that CMV driver examination results may be accepted on behalf of the ME from the selected MEAA or TPO.

To designate an MEAA or FMCSA-approved TPO, MEs must log into their National Registry account and select “Designations” followed by either “Designate MEAA” or “Designate TPO” from the menu. MEs can then search for a specific MEAA or TPO or all active TPOs and make their selection by checking the tick box next to the MEAA’s ID# or TPO’s ID #. Please note that an MEAA is only available for designation after the MEAA has registered with the National Registry and received an MEAA ID # and a TPO is only available for designation after the TPO has been approved by FMCSA.

MEAAs and TPOs are not able to submit that no examinations have been performed during the month. The ME must report this through their National Registry account. Please note that selecting a TPO via an ME’s National Registry account does not establish a business relationship between the ME’s office and the TPO. The ME is responsible for employing the TPO and meeting any requirements of the TPO, such as payment of fees, etc.

MEs may view examination results submitted by a designated MEAA or TPO through their National Registry account by searching for examinations conducted. Once results of the search are returned, the ME can see who submitted the results. If there are mistakes on the examination results submitted by the MEAA or TPO, it is the ME’s responsibility to submit a new CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, through his or her National Registry account with the corrected information. The ME is also responsible for ensuring that results of all medical examinations have been uploaded by the MEAA or TPO. For detailed instructions with screenshots, see pages 85-91 of the ME User Guide.

Topic 4.2.3: Knowledge Check - CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850

You conduct an examination for a driver and determine that he is medically unqualified. Which driver examination form(s) must you complete to record the results of his exam?

- a. CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850
- b. Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875
- c. Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876

The correct answers are a and b. MEs are required to complete a CMV Driver Medical Examination Results Form, MCSA-5850, and Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, for each driver they examine. MEs only complete the Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, for drivers determined to be physically qualified.

Topic 4.2.4: Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870

The Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, can be found in the National Registry Resource Center (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/resource-center>) and on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>). While reviewing this section of the periodic training, we suggest you open a copy of the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, from one of these links as a reference.

What is the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870

For individuals diagnosed with diabetes mellitus and treated with insulin for control, in addition to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA 5875, the certified ME must receive the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, that has been completed and signed by the driver's Treating Clinician. FMCSA defines the Treating Clinician as a healthcare professional who manages, and prescribes insulin for, treatment of the individual's diabetes mellitus as authorized by the healthcare professional's applicable State licensing authority.

- The individual being examined must provide the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, to the certified ME within 45 days after it is signed by the Treating Clinician. On the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, the Treating Clinician attests that the insulin-treated individual has a stable insulin regimen and properly controlled diabetes.
- The certified ME is responsible for reviewing and considering the information provided by the Treating Clinician on the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870.
- Even though the Treating Clinician has provided their input on the Insulin-Treated Diabetes Mellitus Assessment Form, MCSA-5870, MEs still have the ability to request any additional testing they find necessary to assist them in making a physical qualification determination.

- The final physical qualification determination rests with the ME.

Topic 4.2.5: Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871

The Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, can be found in the National Registry Resource Center (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/resource-center>) and on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>).

While reviewing this section of the periodic training, we suggest you open a copy of the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, from one of these links as a reference.

What is the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871

For individuals that do not satisfy, with the worse eye, either the distant visual acuity standard with corrective lenses or the field of vision standard, or both, in addition to the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA 5875, the certified ME must receive the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, that has been completed and signed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

- The examination conducted by the Medical Examiner must begin not more than 45 days after an ophthalmologist or optometrist signs and dates the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871.
- The individual being examined must provide the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, to the certified ME.
- The ME is responsible for reviewing and considering the information provided by the ophthalmologist or optometrist on the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871.
- Even though the ophthalmologist or optometrist has provided their input on the Vision Evaluation Report, Form MCSA-5871, MEs still have the ability to request any additional testing they find necessary to assist them in making a physical qualification determination.
- The final physical qualification determination rests with the ME.

Topic 4.2.5: 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895

The 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, can be found in the National Registry Resource Center (<https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/resource-center>) and on the medical page of the FMCSA website (<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/medical-applications-and-forms>). While reviewing this section of the periodic training, we suggest you open a copy of the 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, from one of these links as a reference.

What is the 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895

The 391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form, MCSA-5895, is an optional form MEs may use to communicate with treating healthcare professionals, who are responsible for prescribing certain medications, so that the ME fully understands the reasons the medications have been prescribed. This information assists the ME in determining if a driver is physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41 and if there are medical conditions or certain prescribed medications that would adversely impact the drivers' ability to safely operate a CMV.

Training Completion Instructions

If you have completed all four modules, you must take the following steps to conclude the periodic training.

To receive credit for completion of the periodic training, you must print the certification of completion on the next page, enter your name, sign and date, scan and save a copy on your computer for upload to your National Registry account. You must then return to your National Registry account, select the periodic training menu item, upload your certificate of completion, and click “Certify Completion of Periodic Training.” Please be sure to retain a copy of your certificate of completion for your records.

National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners

Certificate of Completion of Periodic Training

I _____, certify that I have completed the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners Periodic Training as required in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR 390.111(a)(5)(i)).

Signature

Date



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