

Q: When my medical certification expires will I need to physically visit a DMV to update my certification?

A: No, it is not required that a CDL holder present his/her document in person. The Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles will accept documents in person, by mail or fax. However, a driver that requires a new restriction to be placed on his/her license will be required to visit the DMV to have that restriction placed on his/her license. A new driver license will be printed at no cost when surrendering a current license.

Q: Where can I obtain the Medical Examiner Certificate paperwork?

A: This paperwork can be obtained at http://www.dmv.de.gov/forms/forms_manuals.shtml. This paperwork should be printed and taken to your appointment with your medical examiner. The forms need to be completed in their entirety by the medical examiner at the time of your appointment.

Q: How do I know if I need to provide a copy of my medical certificate?

A: Enclosure A contains three categories of CDL drivers. Only Category 1 requires a CDL holder to provide and maintain a current copy of the medical certificate on file with the DMV. Category 1 pertains to any driver that crosses between any state line, even if only occasionally.

Q: What would I do if I am retired or no longer plan to drive a commercial vehicle, but wish to keep my CDL?

A: A driver that will no longer operate a commercial vehicle for any reason may choose to self certify under a category that does not require him/her to provide the DMV with a copy of his/her medical examiner certificate (i.e.; Category 2). This will allow the driver to keep his/her CDL even though he/she is no longer driving. If the driver wishes to return to driving again in the future, he/she must re-certify with the DMV and if required, provide the DMV with a medical examiner certificate.

Q: What is interstate transportation?

A: A driver who operates in interstate commerce, crossing between any states, U.S. territory, and/or crossing borders outside the United States.

Q: What is intrastate transportation?

A: A driver who operates exclusively within the state he/she is licensed and does not cross state lines at any time.

Q: If I am required to provide my medical certificate, how often will I have to provide the Division of Motor Vehicles with a new copy of my medical certificate?

A: The medical examiner certificate is valid for a maximum of two years. Each time you renew your medical certificate you must provide the division with a current copy to maintain on file. You must not let it lapse or expire; doing so will result in a downgrade of your CDL to non-commercial driving privileges only.

Q: What if I have a medical variance or waiver?

A: A driver with a waiver or exemption will continue to provide the waiver to the Medical Program Coordinator along with a copy of the medical examiner certificate.

Q: If I transfer my CDL to another state will I have to obtain a new medical certification?

A: Delaware complies with FMCSA and only requires a new medical certification if there is a question regarding the authenticity of the certification or a question regarding the CDL holder's health status. However, a state may decide to require a driver to complete a new medical certification upon transfer into that jurisdiction.

Q: What if my primary employment falls under category 2 or 3, but my secondary employment falls under category 1?

A: Drivers must self certify to category 1 *anytime* they operate in interstate commerce, even if only occasionally.