

driving in congested urban areas exposes the driver to more pedestrian and vehicular traffic than exists on interstate highways. Faster reaction to traffic and traffic signals is generally required because distances between them are more compact. These conditions tax visual capacity and driver response just as intensely as interstate driving conditions. The veteran drivers in this proceeding have operated CMVs safely under those conditions for at least 3 years, most for much longer. Their experience and driving records lead us to believe that each applicant is capable of operating in interstate commerce as safely as he/she has been performing in intrastate commerce. Consequently, FMCSA finds that exempting these applicants from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) is likely to achieve a level of safety equal to that existing without the exemption. For this reason, the Agency is granting the exemptions for the 2-year period allowed by 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 to the 25 applicants listed in the notice of August 6, 2013 (78 FR 47818).

We recognize that the vision of an applicant may change and affect his/her ability to operate a CMV as safely as in the past. As a condition of the exemption, therefore, FMCSA will impose requirements on the 25 individuals consistent with the grandfathering provisions applied to drivers who participated in the Agency's vision waiver program.

Those requirements are found at 49 CFR 391.64(b) and include the following: (1) That each individual be physically examined every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests that the vision in the better eye continues to meet the requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) and (b) by a medical examiner who attests that the individual is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41; (2) that each individual provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination; and (3) that each individual provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in his/her driver's qualification file if he/she is self-employed. The driver must have a copy of the certification when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received eight comments in this proceeding. The comments are considered and discussed below.

The eight comments received were all in support of Elmer L. Roberson receiving a vision exemption.

Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 25 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts Larry E. Blakely (GA), William Bucaria, Jr. (FL), Kevan M. Burke (PA), Thomas F. Caithamer (IL), Jaime M. Daigle (MA), James E. Goodman (AL), Britt A. Green (ND), Craig C. Harris (NH), Jesus J. Huerta (NV), Arlene S. Kent (NH), Willie L. Murphy (IN), Chad J. Nolan (OH), Joseph J. Pudlik (IL), Freddie G. Reed (MS), Elmer L. Roberson (OK), Anthony R. Santomango (ME), Daniel W. Schafer (PA), Keith A. Sommers (IN), James A. Spell (MD), Robert L. Spencer (CT), Scott C. Star (NJ), Brain S. Stockwell (IL), Jeffrey R. Swett (SC), Brian C. Tate (VA), and Aaron M. Vernon (OH) from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), subject to the requirements cited above (49 CFR 391.64(b)).

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (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 before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 721]

New Filing Deadlines for Material Due To Be Submitted During the Federal Government Shutdown

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board provides notice that any material due to be submitted to the Board during the Federal government shutdown will now be due no later than October 24, 2013. Further, submissions that arrived by mail during

the shutdown will be considered received on October 17, 2013.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 18, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ryan Lee, (202) 245-0394. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at: (800) 877-8339.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: During the shutdown of the Federal government, from October 1, 2013, through October 16, 2013, all deadlines requiring the submission of material to the Board were tolled. The Board is now providing notice that any material due to be submitted to the Board during the shutdown is due no later than October 24, 2013. Should a party to a proceeding believe that further modification to a procedural schedule is necessary, the party should request an extension in that case docket.

Filers who made submissions by mail during the closure should not resubmit them. All submissions received by mail during the closure will be considered filed on October 17, 2013.

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

Decided: October 18, 2013.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Bureau of the Fiscal Service

Proposed Collection: Information Collected Through Investigative Inquiry Forms

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently the Bureau of the Fiscal Service within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning the Investigative Inquiry Forms.