

Department of State as the U.S. Central Authority for the 1993 Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption (Senate Treaty Doc. 105–51, 105th Cong., 2d Sess.). Some Central Authority duties are explicitly assigned to other entities, including the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The IAA confers on the Department the authority and responsibility for establishing and overseeing the system for accreditation/approval and monitoring and oversight of accredited agencies and approved persons (hereinafter referred to as adoption service providers (ASPs)). Rather than mandating the Department to directly accredit/approve ASPs, the IAA directs the Department to select and designate one or more AEs to carry out those functions.

Designated AEs responsibilities are discussed in 22 CFR 96.7 and may be further established by agreement with the Department of State. The federal regulations governing intercountry adoption and the accreditation of agencies and approval of persons can be found at 22 CFR 96, with Subpart B focusing on the selection, designation, and duties of AEs.

This opportunity is extended to nonprofit organizations with expertise in developing and administering standards for entities providing child welfare services and to U.S. State or local government public entities with such expertise and responsibility for licensing adoption agencies, per 22 CFR 96.5. If selected, a State or local government public entity may only accredit/approve agencies and persons within the public entity's State. Federal government entities are not eligible to apply. Newly established nonprofit organizations may apply provided they meet the criteria for IRS Code 501(c)(3) status and can demonstrate that they have the required expertise, as discussed in 22 CFR 96.5, either as an entity or within their staffing.

Under 22 CFR 96.4, the Department is authorized to designate one or more entities to perform AE functions. The Department currently works with one designated AE that is responsible for accreditation/approval of agencies and persons throughout the United States. The number of AEs selected through the upcoming RSI process will depend on the qualifications of the applicants and the Department's determination

regarding the best interests of the accreditation/approval program.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) Renewal

The Department of State has renewed the Charter of the Overseas Security Advisory Council. This federal advisory committee will continue to interact on overseas security matters of mutual interest between the U.S. Government and the American private sector. The Council's initiatives and security publications provide a unique contribution to protecting American private sector interests abroad. The Under Secretary for Management determined that renewal of the Charter is necessary and in the public interest.

The Council consists of representatives from three (3) U.S. Government agencies and thirty-one (31) American private sector companies and organizations. The Council follows the procedures prescribed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92–463). Meetings will be open to the public unless a determination is made in accordance with Section 10(d) of the FACA and 5 U.S.C. 552b, that a meeting or a portion of the meeting should be closed to the public. Notice of each meeting will be provided in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2000–7006; FMCSA–2002–11714; FMCSA–2002–12294; FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2004–18885; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2006–24783; FMCSA–2008–0021; FMCSA–2008–0106; FMCSA–2008–0231; FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2010–0082; FMCSA–2010–0114; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2010–0187; FMCSA–2011–0380; FMCSA–2012–0104; FMCSA–2012–0159; FMCSA–2012–0215; FMCSA–2013–0167; FMCSA–2013–0174; FMCSA–2014–0002; FMCSA–2014–0004; FMCSA–2014–0006; FMCSA–2014–0007; FMCSA–2014–0010; FMCSA–2014–0011; FMCSA–2014–0296; FMCSA–2015–0070; FMCSA–2015–0345; FMCSA–2015–0347; FMCSA–2015–0350; FMCSA–2016–0024; FMCSA–2016–0028; FMCSA–2016–0029; FMCSA–2016–0206; FMCSA–2018–0008; FMCSA–2018–0011; FMCSA–2018–0012; FMCSA–2018–0017]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 55 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

DATES: Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366–4001, fmcamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Documents and Comments

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Insert the docket number, FMCSA–2000–7006;

FMCSA–2002–11714; FMCSA–2002–12294; FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2004–18885; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2006–24783; FMCSA–2008–0021; FMCSA–2008–0106; FMCSA–2008–0231; FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2010–0082; FMCSA–2010–0114; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2010–0187; FMCSA–2011–0380; FMCSA–2012–0104; FMCSA–2012–0159; FMCSA–2012–0215; FMCSA–2013–0167; FMCSA–2013–0174; FMCSA–2014–0002; FMCSA–2014–0004; FMCSA–2014–0006; FMCSA–2014–0007; FMCSA–2014–0010; FMCSA–2014–0011; FMCSA–2014–0296; FMCSA–2015–0070; FMCSA–2015–0345; FMCSA–2015–0347; FMCSA–2015–0350; FMCSA–2016–0024; FMCSA–2016–0028; FMCSA–2016–0029; FMCSA–2016–0206; FMCSA–2018–0008; FMCSA–2018–0011; FMCSA–2018–0012; FMCSA–2018–0017, in the keyword box, and click “Search.” Next, click the “Open Docket Folder” button and choose the document to review. If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL–14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.transportation.gov/privacy.

II. Background

On September 2, 2020, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 55 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (85 FR 54628). The public comment period ended on October 2, 2020, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation § 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in § 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is

physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 55 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt the following drivers from the vision requirement in § 391.41(b)(10).

As of October 1, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 37 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (65 FR 20245; 65 FR 57230; 67 FR 46016; 67 FR 57266; 67 FR 57267; 69 FR 51346; 69 FR 52741; 70 FR 71884; 71 FR 4632; 71 FR 53489; 73 FR 5259; 73 FR 15567; 73 FR 27015; 73 FR 35195; 73 FR 35199; 73 FR 48275; 73 FR 51336; 75 FR 1451; 75 FR 19674; 75 FR 25918; 75 FR 34212; 75 FR 39729; 75 FR 44051; 75 FR 47888; 75 FR 52062; 77 FR 545; 77 FR 23797; 77 FR 27847; 77 FR 36336; 77 FR 36338; 77 FR 38386; 77 FR 40945; 77 FR 46153; 77 FR 46795; 77 FR 52389; 78 FR 64271; 78 FR 78475; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 2748; 79 FR 10606; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 18392; 79 FR 22003; 79 FR 23797; 79 FR 29498; 79 FR 35212; 79 FR 35220; 79 FR 38659; 79 FR 38661; 79 FR 45868; 79 FR 46153; 79 FR 46300; 79 FR 47175; 79 FR 51643; 79 FR 53514; 79 FR 64001; 80 FR 67476; 80 FR 79414; 80 FR 80443; 81 FR 1474; 81 FR 14190; 81 FR 15404; 81 FR 2043381; 81 FR 21655; 81 FR 28138; 81 FR 39100; 81 FR 39320; 81 FR 42054; 81 FR 44680; 81 FR 48493; 81 FR 60115; 81 FR 66718; 81 FR 66720; 81 FR 66722; 81 FR 72642; 81 FR 81230; 81 FR 90050; 81 FR 91239; 81 FR 96196; 83 FR 6922; 83 FR 15195; 83 FR 15216; 83 FR 24146; 83 FR 24585; 83 FR 28320; 83 FR 28323; 83 FR 28325; 83 FR 28332; 83 FR 34661; 83 FR 34677; 83 FR 45749; 83 FR 56902).

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The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2000–7006; FMCSA–2002–12294; FMCSA–2005–22727; FMCSA–2008–0021; FMCSA–2008–0106; FMCSA–2010–0082; FMCSA–2010–0114; FMCSA–2012–0104; FMCSA–2012–0159; FMCSA–2013–0167; FMCSA–2013–0174; FMCSA–2014–0002; FMCSA–2014–0004; FMCSA–2014–0006; FMCSA–2014–0007; FMCSA–2014–0010; FMCSA–2015–0070; FMCSA–2015–0345; FMCSA–2015–0347; FMCSA–2015–0350; FMCSA–2016–0024; FMCSA–2016–0028; FMCSA–2016–0029; FMCSA–2016–0206; FMCSA–2018–0008; FMCSA–2018–0011; FMCSA–2018–0012. Their exemptions were applicable as of October 1, 2020, and will expire on October 1, 2022.

As of October 6, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following six individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (67 FR 15662; 67 FR 37907; 69 FR 26206; 70 FR 48797; 70 FR 61493; 71 FR 26602; 71 FR 32183; 71 FR 41310; 73 FR 27018; 73 FR 36955; 75 FR 36778; 75 FR 36779; 75 FR 39725; 75 FR 61833; 77 FR 17109; 77 FR 27845; 77 FR 38384; 77 FR 56262; 79 FR 23797; 79 FR 35218; 79 FR 51642; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):
John E. Breslin (NV)
Ronald M. Green (OH)

David W. Grooms (IN)
Ralph E. Holmes (MD)
Daniel W. Johnson (NY)
Charles E. Stokes (FL)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2002–11714; FMCSA–2005–21711; FMCSA–2006–24783; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2011–0380. Their exemptions were applicable as of October 6, 2020, and will expire on October 6, 2022.

As of October 11, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (83 FR 45750; 83 FR 56137):

Thomas J. Knapp (WA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2018–0017. The exemption was applicable as of October 11, 2020, and will expire on October 11, 2022.

As of October 15, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (69 FR 33997; 69 FR 61292; 71 FR 55820; 73 FR 46973; 73 FR 54888; 73 FR 65009; 75 FR 52063; 75 FR 57105; 77 FR 52388; 77 FR 60010; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

William C. Ball (NC) and Kevin C. Palmer (OR)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2008–0231. Their exemptions were applicable as of October 15, 2020, and will expire on October 15, 2022.

As of October 21, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (79 FR 56099; 79 FR 70928; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

Raymond Holt (CA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0011. The exemption is applicable as of October 21, 2020, and will expire on October 21, 2022.

As of October 22, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (73 FR 51689; 73 FR 63047; 75 FR 39725; 75 FR 47883; 75 FR 61883; 75 FR 63257; 75 FR 64396; 77 FR 64582; 79 FR 56104; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

Randall J. Benson (MN)
James D. Drabek, Jr. (IL)
Delone W. Dudley (MD)
Jeromy W. Leatherman (PA)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2008–0266; FMCSA–2010–0161; FMCSA–2010–0187. Their exemptions are applicable as of October 22, 2020, and will expire on October 22, 2022.

As of October 23, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (77 FR 52381; 77 FR 64841; 79 FR 56097; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

James T. Stalker (OH)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2012–0215. The exemption is applicable as of October 23, 2020, and will expire on October 23, 2022.

As of October 27, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following two individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (69 FR 53493; 69 FR 62742; 71 FR 62148; 73 FR 61925; 75 FR 59327; 77 FR 64583; 79 FR 56117; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

David W. Brown (TN) and Zbigniew P. Pietranik (WI)

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2004–18885. Their exemptions are applicable as of October 27, 2020, and will expire on October 27, 2022.

As of October 31, 2020, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following individual has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (79 FR 58856; 79 FR 72754; 81 FR 71173; 83 FR 56902):

Henry L. Chrestensen (IA)

The driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2014–0296. The exemption is applicable as of October 31, 2020, and will expire on October 31, 2022.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), 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 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2014–0106; FMCSA–2016–0002; FMCSA–2017–0061]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for eight individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on September 6, 2020. The exemptions expire on September 6, 2022.

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