

FLORIDA Commercial Driver License CERTIFICATION



- 1 Category A - Non-excepted Interstate:** Driver operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce and is required to maintain federal medical certification. **(Medical Examiner's Certificate required and must be provided electronically by a healthcare provider.)**

Interstate commerce means driving a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) transporting goods or passengers across state borders or driving a CMV for any portion of a direct shipment into or out of the state, even though that driver may not personally drive across a border. All CDL drivers may self-certify in Category A as long as they maintain a valid certificate and are not restricted to intrastate operation as described under Category C below.

Drivers presently operating in interstate commerce and not exempt from federal medical certification (Category B) must self-certify in category A.

- 2 Category B - Excepted Interstate:** Driver operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce but engages exclusively in operations that qualify driver for exception from the requirement to maintain a federal Medical Examiner's Certificate.

Drivers may self-certify in this category if they operate CMVs in interstate commerce, but only in the following circumstances: • Driving for a federal, state, or local government agency. • Occasional transportation of personal property by individuals neither for compensation nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise. • Transport of medical patients or human corpses. • Emergency operations. • Custom harvesting. • Beekeeping.

Drivers self-certifying in Category B will not be required to have a valid medical certification to be issued or to retain their CDLs.

- 3 Category C - Non-excepted Intrastate:** Driver operates or expects to operate only in intrastate commerce and is required to meet State of Florida medical certification requirements. **(Medical Examiner's Certificate required and must be provided electronically by a healthcare provider.)**

Intrastate commerce means driving a CMV transporting goods or passengers without crossing a state border and not for any portion of a direct shipment into or out of the state. Drivers may self-certify in this category if they operate CMVs only in intrastate commerce. Drivers operating only in intrastate commerce are advised to consider self-certifying in the non-excepted interstate category (Category A) if eligible. Florida law requires most drivers operating in intrastate commerce, including most school bus drivers, to maintain certificate that also meets federal requirements for interstate commerce. Drivers operating only in intrastate commerce and not eligible to self-certify in Category A include drivers under 21 years of age and drivers with certain medical conditions who do not have a federally issued medical variance.

- 4 Category D - Excepted Intrastate:** Driver operates or expects to operate only in intrastate commerce but engages exclusively in operations that qualify for exception from State of Florida Medical Examiner's Certificate requirements. Drivers may self-certify in this category if they operate CMVs only in intrastate commerce and only in the following circumstances: • Transporting agricultural or forestry products between the farm or place of harvest and a market or first place of storage. • Driving CMVs owned by electric or telephone utilities within 200 miles of where the vehicle is based. • Operating private school buses with seating for fewer than 24 passengers. • Operating as a driver/salesman within 100 miles of your workplace when CMV operation is incidental to your job and on the condition, you have had no traffic conviction in the past three (3) years.

Drivers self-certifying in Category D will not be required to have valid certificate to be issued or to retain their CDLs.

NOTE: CDL holders can no longer claim exemption from medical certification requirements because they are not currently operating in non-excepted interstate or intrastate commerce. If not specifically included in category B or D above, you must maintain your medical certification or downgrade to a non-commercial license. If you self-certify in a category exempt from medical certification requirements (Category B or D) and later change to a non-exempt type of operation (Category A or C), you must re-certify in the appropriate category and your healthcare provider must electronically submit a valid medical certification to avoid potential enforcement actions. The Intrastate restriction is placed on the driver's license if the driver self-certifies in an intrastate category, the driver is under 21, or does not meet the federal standards of 20/40 in each eye with best correction.