



NEWS RELEASE

Doug Neville, Chief Public Information Officer

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, Jan. 13, 2012

CONTACT:

Kristine Chapin, 651-201-7567

SELF-CERTIFICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVERS TAKES EFFECT JANUARY 30

*CDL Applicants Required to Declare Their Type of Operation
and Medical Certification Status*

ST. PAUL – The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services Division (DVS) announced today that beginning January 30, those who apply for or renew commercial driver’s licenses (CDL) will need to self-certify to a single type of commercial operation. Based on that self-certification, a CDL holder may need to provide a current medical examiner’s certificate along with any waivers required to maintain commercial driver status.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and Minnesota statutes require all CDL holders to self-certify in one of the following four categories. Categories and medical examiner’s certificate requirements are determined by the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) and state statute.

- Category 1– Non-exempt Interstate: Driver is subject to 49 CFR part 391 and must present a current medical certificate and applicable waivers
- Category 2 – Exempt Interstate: Driver is exempt from the medical examination requirements of 49 CFR part 391
- Category 3 – Non-exempt Intrastate: Driver is subject to the medical examination requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 221 and must provide a current medical certificate and applicable waivers
- Category 4 – Exempt Intrastate: Driver is exempt from the medical examination requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 221

Definitions of interstate and intrastate commerce, along with information about medical examiner’s certification requirements are available on the DVS website at dvs.dps.mn.gov or by calling 651-282-4343.

The new requirements affect more than 250,000 Minnesota CDL holders. Commercial driver heart attacks or other physical impairments lead to 3,000 crashes each year that result in fatalities or serious injuries, according to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration estimates.

###

Alcohol
and Gambling
Enforcement

Bureau of
Criminal
Apprehension

Driver
and Vehicle
Services

Emergency
Communication
Networks

Homeland
Security and
Emergency
Management

Minnesota
State Patrol

Office of
Communications

Office of
Justice Programs

Office of
Pipeline Safety

Office of
Traffic Safety

State Fire Marshal