

CDL MEDICAL WAIVER INFORMATION PACKET

GENERAL INFORMATION:

This document outlines the procedures to be followed when processing individuals for a Maryland commercial driver's license (CDL) medical waiver. Individuals who do not meet the medical qualifications outlined in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Title 49 CFR §391.41(b) may be eligible for an intrastate waiver issued by the MDOT Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA).

The MDOT Maryland MVA may issue an intrastate waiver, which covers the following physical/medical conditions listed below.

- Vision
- Amputation and loss of limb
- Power grasping and prehension
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing (only for those individuals who hold, or held, a CDL within the past year are eligible for this waiver)

Individuals may be issued waivers with the following combined physical/medical conditions. No other combinations will be waived.

- Vision and amputation or loss of limb
- Vision and power grasping or prehension

Individuals who do not meet the physical requirements of §391.41(b)(1) and (10) (11) and cannot obtain a FMCSA waiver or exemption may apply for an intrastate waiver, which is issued by the MDOT Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. **An intrastate waiver restricts the individual to driving a commercial motor vehicle within Maryland.** Individuals with an intrastate waiver may not drive a commercial motor vehicle across State lines and the cargo contained in the commercial motor vehicle cannot cross State lines. **CDL customers granted an intrastate waiver are not authorized to have Passenger, School Bus and Hazardous Material endorsements.**

Individuals who do not meet the physical qualifications in §391.41(b) and wish to apply for the MDOT Maryland CDL Intrastate Waiver must submit a Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination form (MCSA-5875) and Medical Examiner's Certificate (MCSA-5876) conducted by a certified medical examiner that is on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration National Registry.

REQUESTING AN INTRASTATE WAIVER:

Your request for an intrastate waiver must include the following:

- Name, address, driver's license number, signature, and telephone number of the individual submitting the waiver request;
- The description of the medical condition which requires the waiver (vision, limb, hearing);
- The class of CDL the applicant wishes to maintain (A or B);
- A current Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination form (MCSA-5875) and Medical Examiner's Certificate (MCSA-5876) appropriately marked for intrastate (State) operation of a commercial motor vehicle.

Intrastate waiver requests will not be accepted over the telephone. They must be submitted in writing to the:

CDL Intrastate Waiver Program
Driver Wellness and Safety
Room 124
MDOT Maryland MVA
6601 Ritchie Highway N.E.
Glen Burnie, MD 21062

Contact number: 410-768-7513

All waiver applications require a review by the Driver Wellness and Safety and this Administration's Medical Advisory Board.

Waiver applicants will be required to take a public road test in the appropriate class of commercial motor vehicle. Limb waiver applicants are also required to demonstrate certain functional skills for an assessment prior to the public road test.

INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR AN INTRASTATE WAIVER FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING:

To be eligible to apply for this waiver, you must have held a commercial driver's license (CDL) within the past twelve (12) months.

APPROVAL OF INTRASTATE WAIVER:

Upon granting a waiver, the Driver Services Division, Motor Vehicle Administration will notify the driver applicant in writing. The waiver will set forth the terms, conditions, and limitations.

The driver applicant must have the waiver in his/her possession whenever he/she is operating a commercial motor vehicle and conducting licensing transactions at the MDOT Maryland MVA.

INTERSTATE WAIVERS, EXEMPTIONS AND SKILL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
CERTIFICATES (SPE) issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA):

Maryland driver license customers that need to operate a commercial motor vehicle across State lines (interstate) that do not meet the qualifications contained in §391.41(b) may apply for a Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Exemption and/or Waiver or Skill Performance Evaluation Certificate by contacting the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at 703-448-3094. Further information and applications can be found on the FMCSA website – www.fmcsa.dot.gov

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