

Submitting Self-Certification In Person: Self-certification requirements can be satisfied at a DMV office **only when** completing a driver license or permit transaction that requires self-certification (duplicates and change of address are not included). If you self-certify at a DMV office you do not need to mail documents to the DMV central office.

VISION/DIABETES/SEIZURE/HEARING EXEMPTION OR SKILLS PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (SPE) CERTIFICATE

Drivers requiring a Vision, Diabetic, Seizure, or Hearing waiver exemption or a Skills Performance Evaluation (SPE) certificate (defined as a “Medical Variance”) do not need to include copies of the Medical Variance with the self-certification letter and Medical Examiner’s Certificate. The Medical Variance will be sent directly to DMV from the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)**. DMV **will not** accept copies of Medical Variance documents from commercial drivers.

Drivers are responsible for keeping their Medical Variance current with FMCSA and must continue to carry their current Medical Certificate and Medical Variance documents with them.

New V Restriction

Once you have received your self-certification notification letter, drivers with a Medical Variance, as described above, must have a new “V” (Medical Variance) restriction placed on their driver license. If you have a Medical Variance and a V restriction is not present on your driver license document at the time you are filling out your self-certification notification letter, you must go to your local DMV office with a copy of your Medical Examiner’s Certificate to amend your driver license. A license amendment fee will apply.

DRIVERS WITH THE HAZMAT (H-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR X-TANK AND HAZMAT) ENDORSEMENT

Drivers are only eligible for the Hazmat (H or X) endorsement if they are age 21 or older and self-certify to

the driving type “NI” or “NA”. If a driver with the Hazmat endorsement self-certifies to a driving type other than “NI” or “NA”, he/she is no longer eligible for the Hazmat endorsement and must have it removed at a local DMV office. A license amendment fee will apply.

DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE

DMV will not remind drivers when their Medical Examiner’s Certificate or Medical Variance is about to expire.

- Updated copies of the Medical Examiner’s Certificate must be sent to the DMV Medical Certification Unit at the following address:
 NYS Department of Motor Vehicles
 Medical Certification Unit
 PO Box 2601
 Albany, NY 12220-0601
- Updated copies of Medical Examiner’s Certificates must be received and processed prior to the expiration of the Medical Examiner’s Certificate on file to avoid loss of your commercial driving privilege. You should allow at least two weeks for processing your updated certificate.
- Drivers are responsible for keeping their Medical Variance current with FMCSA and must continue to carry their current Medical Certificate and Medical Variance documents with them.
- You are not required to re-certify to your driving type unless you are completing a driver license transaction (excluding duplicates or change of address) or your driving type changes.

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN CURRENT UPDATED INFORMATION WITH DMV WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF YOUR COMMERCIAL DRIVING PRIVILEGES.



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New Federal Medical and Self-Certification Requirements for Commercial Drivers

IMPORTANT FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Medical Examination Report FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER FITNESS DETERMINATION

Complete this section

Social Security No.	Birthdate M / D / Y	Age	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	New Certifc Recertificati Follow-up
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State, Zip Code

Indicates this section, but medical condition

Yes	No
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Medical condition

Follow-up

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

New federal regulations require all New York State Commercial Drivers (CDL Class A, B, or C) to certify to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) the type of commercial motor vehicle operation they perform. Drivers must choose one of four federal driving types. If the driving type selected requires the driver to be medically certified, a current USDOT Medical Examiner's Certificate must be submitted to the DMV along with the self-certification.

IMPORTANT DEFINITIONS

Interstate Commerce is when you drive a CMV: from one State to another State or a foreign country; between two places within a State, but during part of the trip, the CMV crosses into another State or foreign country; or between two places within a State, but the cargo is part of a trip that began or will end in another State or foreign country.

Interstate Commerce is when you drive a CMV within a State and you do not meet any of the descriptions above for interstate commerce.

If you operate in both intrastate commerce and interstate commerce, you must choose interstate commerce.

Excepted Operation – Federal or State excepted operation as defined in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations 49 CFR 390.3f, 391.2 and/or New York State Motor Carrier Safety Regulations NYCRR Part 820. Excepted Operations include, but are not limited to: Transportation of school children (School Operation), As Federal, State or Local Government employees (Municipal Operation) and drivers that obtained a New York State CDL prior to 9/9/1999 who operate commercially within New York State only. For a full list of Federal and State excepted activities, please visit www.FMCSA.dot.gov (Federal) and www.dot.ny.gov (State).

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THE DRIVING TYPES

Non-Excepted Interstate (NI) –

Commercial driving operation is permitted across state lines, and you are required to meet the Federal Medical Requirements.

- Must be age 21 or older.
- Drivers with a **Hazmat (H-Hazardous Materials or X-Tank and Hazmat) endorsement** may select this driving type.
- Must not have a K (CDL Intrastate Only) or A3 restriction on driver license.

Non-Excepted Intrastate (NA) –

Commercial driving operation is restricted to New York State only, and you are required to meet the Federal Medical Requirements.

- Must be age 18 or older.
- Drivers with a **Hazmat (H-Hazardous Materials or X-Tank and HazMat) endorsement** may select this driving type
- Must have a K (CDL Intrastate Only) restriction on driver license.
- Must not have an A3 restriction on driver license.

Excepted Interstate (EI) –

Commercial driving operation is permitted across state lines for Excepted Operation* only, and you are exempt from the Federal Medical Requirements.

- Must be age 18 or older (21 or older when noted for certain Excepted Operations*)
- Must have an A3 restriction on driver license.
- Must not have a K (CDL Intrastate Only) restriction on driver license.

Excepted Intrastate (EA) –

Commercial driving operation is restricted to New York State and permitted for Excepted Operation* only. You are exempt from the Federal Medical Requirements.

- Must be age 18 or older (21 or older when noted for certain Excepted Operations*)
- Must have the K (CDL Intrastate Only) and the A3 restrictions on driver license.

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DMV NOTIFICATION TO DRIVERS

Self-Certification Notification Letter

DMV will be mailing a self-certification notification letter to all NY CDL holders during 2013. Drivers will be responsible for selecting their driving type on the letter and returning it in the envelope provided. If the driving type selected requires a current USDOT Medical Examiner's Certificate (NI or NA), drivers will be required to include a legible photocopy of the Medical Examiner's Certificate along with the self-certification letter.

Important: Verify DMV has your current address on file – notification letters will be sent to the address DMV has on file. Address changes can be completed at: <https://my.dmv.ny.gov/crm>

- All letters will have a bar code containing each driver's unique identifying information for processing purposes. **Do not use a photocopy of another driver's letter!**
- The letters will be mailed numerically by NYS License ID number over a period of several months.
- The range of License ID numbers that have been mailed will be posted on the DMV website at <http://dmv.ny.gov/CDL-medcert.htm>. The license ID numbers will be updated after each mailing.

Please do not visit a DMV office or send any information to the DMV until you receive your notification letter.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO SUBMIT YOUR SELF-CERTIFICATION TO DMV

Submitting Self-Certification By Mail: Drivers must return the completed self-certification letter in the return envelope provided. If the driving type selected requires a current USDOT Medical Examiner's Certificate, a completed Medical Examiner's Certificate along with the completed self-certification letter. Please make sure photocopies of the Medical Examiner's Certificate are clear and large enough to read. Incomplete, incorrectly completed letters or illegible documents will be rejected and returned to the driver.

Do not visit a DMV office only to self-certify. DMV offices are unable to process "self-certification only" transactions.

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