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Interstate Drivers (Operates Outside of Florida)

Interstate commerce means that the customer drives a CMV transporting goods or passengers across state borders or drives a CMV for any portion of a direct shipment into or out of the state of Florida, even though they may not personally drive across the border.

(A) Non-excepted Interstate – Medical Card Required

I operate or expect to operate in interstate commerce and am required to maintain federal medical certification. (Medical Card Required) Interstate commerce means driving a 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 valid medical certifications and are not restricted to intrastate operation as described under Category C below. Drivers presently operating in interstate commerce and not excepted from federal medical certification (Category B) must self-certify in Category A.

(B) Excepted Interstate – Medical Card Not Required

Customer operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, but engages exclusively in operations that qualify him/her for exception from the requirement to maintain federal medical certification.

Customers may self-certify in this category if they operate CMVs in interstate commerce, but only in the following circumstances:

- (1) Driving for a federal, State, or local government agency;
- (2) Occasional transportation of personal property by individuals neither for compensation nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise;
- (3) Transport of medical patients or human corpses;
- (4) Emergency operations;
- (5) Custom harvesting;
- (6) Beekeeping.

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

Drivers self-certifying in Category B should be aware that CMV operation, while not medically certified will be illegal in any circumstances not specifically allowed by those categories. If drivers self-certify in a category exempt from medical certification requirements and later change to a non-exempt type of operation, they must recertify in the appropriate category and provide proof of valid medical certification to avoid potential enforcement actions.



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Intrastate Drivers (Operates Only Within Florida)

Intrastate commerce means that customers drive a CMV transporting goods or passengers without crossing a state border and do not drive a CMV for any portion of a direct shipment into or out of the state of Florida, even though they may not personally drive across a border.

(C) Non-excepted Intrastate – Medical Card Required

Intrastate Restriction 2 Applies

Customer operates or expects to operate only in intrastate commerce and is required to meet State of Florida medical certification requirements (medical card required).

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.

Customers 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 medical certification 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.

(D) Excepted Intrastate – Medical Card Not Required

Interstate Restriction 2 Applies

Customer operates or expects to operate only in intrastate commerce, but engages exclusively in operations that qualify him/her for exception from State of Florida medical certification requirements.

Customers may self-certify in this category if they operate CMVs only in intrastate commerce and only in the following circumstances:

- (1) Transporting agricultural or forestry products between the farm or place of harvest and a market or first place of storage;
- (2) Driving CMVs owned by electric or telephone utilities within 200 miles of where the vehicle is based;
- (3) Operating private school busses with seating for fewer than 24 passengers;
- (4) 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 years.

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

Drivers self-certifying in Category D should be aware that CMV operation, while not medically certified, will be illegal in any circumstances not specifically allowed by those categories. If drivers self-certify in a category exempt from medical certification requirements and later change to a non-exempt type of operation, they must recertify in the appropriate category and provide proof of valid medical certification to avoid potential enforcement actions.