



# CDL Self-Certification Classification and Medical Documentation

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**IF YOU DO NOT RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITHIN 90 DAYS OF RECEIVING IT, YOUR CDL WILL BE DOWNGRADED TO A CLASS D DRIVER LICENSE.**

**THIS FORM SERVES TWO PURPOSES:** allows commercial drivers to (1) self-certify, and (2) submit a Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC), if required for their type of operation.

Legal Last Name		Legal First Name		Legal Middle Name		Suffix ( <i>Jr., Sr., 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup></i> )	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		Driver License Number		Daytime Phone Number (      )			
Address on Driver License				City		State	Zip Code

All commercial driver license (CDL) holders must determine the type of business they operate in and certify to that type of commercial operation in order to maintain their CDL.

Based on the type of commercial operation selected, you may be required to submit a copy of your MEC to the Montana Motor Vehicle Division (MVD).

**I certify my commercial driving is** (*check only one of the following three options*):

- Interstate Non-Excepted:** Operates in interstate commerce and meets the qualification requirements under 49 CFR part 391\*.
  - You must submit a valid Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC). In addition, prior to the expiration of your current MEC, you must renew your MEC and submit a copy to the MVD.
  
- Montana-Only (Intrastate) Non-Excepted:** Operates in only Intrastate commerce and meets either the qualification requirements under 49 CFR part 391\* or state qualification requirements.
  - You must submit a valid Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) or Montana Medical Certificate. In addition, prior to the expiration of your current MEC, you must renew your MEC and submit a copy to the MVD.

**You must check at least one box on page 2 to claim the following exception:**

- Interstate Excepted:** Operates in interstate commerce but engages exclusively in transportation or operation excepted under 49 CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3\*.
  - Submission of Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) *is not* required

**IMPORTANT:** If you checked the box for Interstate Non-Excepted or Montana-Only Non-Excepted, you must submit copy of your Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC) and any accompanying waivers or variances along with this self-certification. If you are a non-excepted driver, it is illegal to drive a commercial motor vehicle in Montana without a valid MEC, and failure to keep your medical certification status information current with the state may result in the downgrade of your interstate CDL to a base, Class D license.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail or fax this completed and signed form, with applicable documentation, to the address or fax number above.**

\*To reference the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), visit <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>

## EXCEPTION CHECKLIST:

Compliant with Montana law, you operate in **excepted interstate commerce** when you drive a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce **only** for the following excepted activities (**check all that apply**):

- As federal, state or local government employees
- To transport human corpses or sick or injured persons
- Fire truck or rescue vehicle drivers during emergencies and other related activities
- Primarily in the transportation of propane winter heating fuel when responding to an emergency condition requiring immediate response, such as damage to a propane gas system after a storm or flooding
- In response to a pipeline emergency condition requiring immediate response, such as a pipeline leak or rupture
- In custom harvesting on a farm or to transport farm machinery and supplies used in the custom harvesting operation to and from a farm, or to transport custom harvested crops to storage or market
- Beekeeper in the seasonal transportation of bees
- As a private motor carrier of passengers for non-business purposes
- To transport migrant workers

**If you checked** one or more of the above activities as the **only** operation in which you drive, you operate in **excepted interstate commerce** and do not need a federal Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC).

**If you did not check** any of the above activities, you operate in **non-excepted interstate commerce** and are required to carry and provide a copy of a current MEC (49 CFR 391.45), commonly referred to as a medical certificate or DOT card, to the MT Motor Vehicle Division. **Most CDL holders who drive CMVs in interstate commerce are non-excepted interstate commerce drivers.**

**If you operate in both excepted interstate commerce and non-excepted interstate commerce, you must choose non-excepted interstate commerce to be qualified to operate in both types of interstate commerce.**