



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-EX-P]

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0349]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 345 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that

would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 345 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following 4 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience over the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Allan V. Jorgensen	Timothy M. O’Malley	James S. Phipps
David J. Varricchione		

The following 82 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Wesley D. Adkins	Coral Aguirre	Mark J. Alden
Mazin M. J. Alrawe	Eric J. Andersen	Abram J. Apodaca
Antwanne L. Ash	Stanley L. Ayers	Nash Barno
Savanna S. Bednar	Daryl D. Beshirs	Carola Buehler
Phillip A. Carleton	Rogelio Chacon	Patchara Chiochankitmun
Regino J. Cisneros Perez	Christopher W. Cochran	Ronnie P. Cook
Matthew B. Dallachie	Daniel E. Delano	Jack H. Dependahl
Shelia F. Dixon	Lauren A. Dotterweich	Frank Eardley
Jose E. Echegaray Hernandez	Jeanne C. Emmons	Michael C. Gacki, Jr.
Houssein M. Gale	Travis L. Gibbs	William M. Godzisz
Jose A. Gonzalez Morin	Scott R. Graves	Luke J. Harding
David R. Hazen	Mahmoud K. Hiima	Eric M. Holloway
Mark E. Irsik	Edison Joe	Craig A. Johnson
Jennifer L. King	Oleg Kovalev	Mollie O. Krablin
John P. Kuchta	Brian N. LaRose	James R. Lockard
Michael E. Malloy	Jacob D. Miller	Rodney Mitchell
Brian T. Murphy	Steven K. Mynhier, Sr.	Craig A. Nass
Nathan R. Pawloski	Bobby Phongsavanh	Albert L. Prather, Jr.
Ashley D. Pulkka	Joshua E. Richardson	Irfan A. Ridha

Ammon D. Roe	Larry E. Rohloff	Roberto Ruiz
Fred A. Scott, Jr.	Mulmin J. Sellars	Shawn R. Sexton
Joseph L. Smid	Arthur C. Smith	Jermaine E. Smith
Geoffrey K. Snelling	Shane P. Spellman	James L. Stevens
Casey J. Stover	Arnold Taci	Joshua T. Takacs
Shawn J. Tugwell	Tonya M. Turybury	Spooford Whitaker, Jr.
Jason A. Williams	Monique A. Williams	Thomas D. Williams
Carla M. Wright	Vernon R. Yocham	Richard W. Youngerman
Ahmo Zildzevic		

The following 54 applicants did not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Brian D. Beaulieu	Anthony Britton	Edward M. Brooks
Ross A. Busby	Riley M. Crumley, Jr.	Joseph S. Eaglin
Bryan W. Ellis	Richard D. Erwin	Jose J. Garcia
Jesus A. Garza	Jerry B. Gibson, Jr.	Thomas W. Hall
Joshua V. Harrison	Michael J. Haubert	David M. Iagolla
Jacob T. Johnson	Shane E. Johnson	Todd E. Kelley
Timothy W. Kinion	Allen Kready	Robert A. Kugler
Daniel L. Landa	W. Kratz Leatherman	Miguel M. Levario
Leslie Lewis	Christopher N. Mahoney	Raymundo Maldonado
Robert A. Marcum	Kyle E. Mason	Leonard J. Mazur
Richard L. McCance II	Joshua J. McCue	Robert L. McGowan
Jamelle M. Moore	Peter J. Neltner	Glen L. Nichols
Asiarea M. Pattman	Lavern D. Penner	James R. Preston
Elbert J. Price	Thomas W. Reddy	Thomas L. Rodenborn
Ronald B. Shank	Daniel H. Smith	George Smith
Jeffrey Smith	Jimmy D. Storms	Melanie M. Tate
Thomas L. Tomlin	Oleksandr M. Trushyk	Thomas G. Vowell
Norman A. Williams	Craig D. Wilson	Josef A. Wysocki

The following 34 applicants did not have 3 years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Vilas R. Adank	Joseph C. Anderson	Michael D. Birch
Wis P. Bordelon	Dennis Boyce, Jr.	Jeffrey Boyles
Larry L. Brownlee	Darren J. Burroughs	Jason D. DeMaster
Robert L. Eldred	Shannon E. Harrison	Jeffrey D. Johnson
Charles D. Jones	Daniel R. Kenning	Peter A. Ludwig
Robert L. McKenzie	Aurelio Medoza	Richard W. Mullenix
Robert S. Notoriano	Michael M. Ousley	David G. Oyer
Quentin R. Palmer	David W. Paradis	Lawrence B. Reyes
Diego R. Rodriguez	Samuel L. Short	Deneen Stilley
Tom L. Stoltz	James E. Stubblefield	Cedric D. Tobias

Dennis R. Trapp	Jamal A. Vaughn	Larry G. Wenger
John M. Zaki		

The following 17 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions:

Grant D. Bolton	Carl F. Cryer	Wayne E. Egan
Michael C. Farley	Richard Fillion	Tim J. Funke
Farhad Gholinejad	Thomas E. Goodnight	Nicholas Martinez
Brandon J. Michalko	Ralph A. Milliman	William Pantoja Julia
Alfred A. Polzine	Douglas M. Potter	Juan C. Ramirez
Michael A. Thompson	William M. Walk	

The following 3 applicants were charged with moving violations in conjunction with CMV accidents:

Darrell R. Hammond	David T. Miller	Jacques W. Rainville
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The following applicant, Lee R. Boykin, does not have sufficient peripheral vision in the better eye to qualify for an exemption.

The following 3 applicants had their commercial driver's licenses suspended during the previous 3-year period:

Reginald B. Baker	Patrick J. Giles	Joseph C. Lee
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The following applicant, Paul E. Lawyer, did not have verifiable proof of CMV experience over the past 3 years under normal highway operating conditions that would serve as an adequate predictor of future safe performance.

The following 3 applicants contributed to an accident(s) while operating a CMV:

David L. Martin	Derrick A. Robinson	Joseph R. Spranger
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The following applicant, Daniel L. Morris, did not have an optometrist or ophthalmologist willing to make a statement that they are able to operate a CMV from a vision standpoint.

The following 35 applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

Eric D. Armstrong	Kenneth C. Arnold	Richard D. Bailey
Michael S. Barnhart	Travis K. Bitker	Tony A. Bowhall
Michael W. Brown	Anthony M. Demers	Paul T. Fishburn, Jr.
Thomas C. Fitzpatrick	Maksym R. Fomin	Darrell R. Fortner
Gregory P. Grimes	James D. Grisham	Steven M. Heinsohn
Robert J. Hemstrought	Jacob E. Kuehne	Gary L. Logel
Richard D. McGuire	Tyler J. Nelson	Arnold G. Patchin
Justin G. Rathert	Antonio Reales	Dimitre I. Rebreev
Mark A. Sanders	Glen R. Seipel	Jerry A. Slotten
John P. Smith	Henry L. Stetler	Richard B. Stopel
Jeremy Trager	Charles Walker	Dwayne K. Webb
Bryan F. Williams	Mark Winnicki	

The following applicant, Elijah A. Allen, Jr., provided false documentation during the application process.

The following 6 applicants did not have stable vision for the entire 3-year period:

Michael R. DeLille	Jeffrey W. Hawkins	Bethany A. Hayward
William A. Koldys, Jr.	Van C. Pruitt	Dean C. Sump

The following 3 applicants do not meet the vision standard in the better eye:

Joseph Bahr	David L. Denton	Sean R. Frank, Jr.
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The following 44 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

Richard Alfau	Francis R. Anaya	Helene E. Armistad
Richard L. Austin	Melvin T. Ayer	Michael J. Baca
Richard A. Bassett	Merle G. Bernhardt	Richard C. Besk
Rodney S. Burnopp	Mauel Cobos	Edward L. Cox
Joshua P. Doucette	Kraig Fisher	Brian R. Fredrickson
Gregg A. Heinrich	Darrell E. Hunter	Brad L. Jeffrey
Randall Kaiser	Bradley A. Kensmoe	Richard D. Lindell
Jeffrey W. Lowe	Nathaniel Lowery	Nicholas Mattia
Lloyd S. McFerron	David R. Nolte	Juan Ogando
Haley J. O'Neal	Cody J. Osland	Robert H. Owen
Jorge Pedroza	Andrew B. Pfeifer	David D. Queckboerner
Garry A. Reynolds	Marvin R. Roetcisoender	Leo C. Royer
John J. Schaeflein Jr.	Clifford L. Scheel	Joseph R. Sherman
Robert D. Short	Jerome J. Trombly	Leone D. Vargason
Robert Williams	Jack O. Yates	

The following 2 applicants held medical cards valid for less than six months:

Abelardo J. Guitierrez	Edward L. Russell
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The following 3 applicants drove interstate while restricted to intrastate:

Thomas L. Pelletier	Mickey J. Spaulding	Douglas E. Weeks
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The following 34 applicants will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or are not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Dwayne P. Arnac	Edward L. Arnold	Glen M. Asquith
Daniel A. Bahm	Edward J. Blaskovich	Philip L. Bradford
Scott Bradford	Richard L. Brandt	Anthony Brown
Lawrence E. Cercle	Maurice R. Davis, Jr.	Jeffery K. Dorlan
Charles J. Ehlert	Brett H. Friederichs	Luciano G. Garcia
Karla D. Holmes	Stephen D. Hunt	Alvin D. Hunter
Thomas M. Kaley, Jr.	Eugene A. Leffelman	Michael A. Mentzer
Robert B. Morris	Alexis O. Paulme	Jeffrey E. Pennington
Kenneth M. Pisano	Richard G. Roberts	Malcolm S. Rutherford
William A. Shaw	Clinton Starkey	James R. Stout
Clinton A. Swartz	Eduardo R. Wagner	Donald E. Wojtaszek
Theodore J. Wuebben		

Finally, the following 14 applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

Glenn C. Allen	Bradford M. Balint	Scott M. Boutwell
Bill J. Brookhart	James J. Cribbs	Gerald M. Garcia
Duane R. Greene	Billy D. Johnson	Darla J. Lloyd
Derek E. Madrigal	Dru V. Olson	Keith A. Smith
John L. Umland	Daniel R. Zimmerman	

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