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FMCSA Extends COVID Emergency Declaration

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued additional extensions in response to the coronavirus pandemic. This includes extensions to the general emergency declaration and to the specific emergency declarations below.

- [Expansion and Extension of the Modified Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002 Under 49 CFR § 390.25 \(February 17, 2021\)](#)
- [Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 National Emergency – For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles \(February 16, 2021\)](#)
- [Waiver for States Concerning Third Party CDL Skills Test Examiners In Response to the COVID-19 Emergency \(February 16, 2021\)](#)
- [Three-Month Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency – For States and CLP Holders Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles \(February 16, 2021\)](#)
- [FMCSA Guidance on Cross-Border Transportation and Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) \(February 16, 2021\)](#)
- [Revised Expanded Frequently Asked Questions for State Driver Licensing Agencies and Commercial Drivers Regarding Permissible Actions During the COVID-19 Emergency \(February 16, 2021\)](#)

Emergency waivers in these areas were previously scheduled to expire at the end of February of this year. From these actions, the new waivers extend emergency relief through **May 31, 2021**.

Among other things, the waivers extend the maximum period of CDL validity for CDLs due for renewal on or after March 1, 2020 pending state requirements. The declaration also extends waiver relief for testing requirements and extends relief from federal medical certification requirements. It is important to note that state driver's license agencies retain ultimate discretion on whether to use the emergency declarations to inform their own commercial driver program requirements.

FMCSA has indicated that in the interest of commercial motor vehicle safety, it is their intention to wind down COVID-related emergency exemptions.

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