FMCSA Extends COVID-19 Emergency Waivers

In addition to the driving time waiver issued August 31, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has also extended the waiver applicable to states, CDL holders, CLP holders and interstate drivers operating commercial motor vehicles.

By authority of this waiver, FMCSA permits states to discretionarily extend the validity of commercial driver's licenses and commercial learner's permits, waive the 14-day waiting period, and grants waivers from certain regulations applicable to interstate and intrastate CDL and CLP holders. This extension is related to the declaration of national emergency under 42 USC 5191(b) and follows similar extensions issued throughout the COVID pandemic.

The waiver is effective September 1, 2021 and now expires November 30, 2021.

The official extension is available via FMCSA here.

Additionally, FMCSA has updated and extended the following waivers and information related to the COVID emergency declaration:

- Notice of Enforcement Policy Regarding Expiring Driver’s Licenses and Medical Examiner's Certificates During COVID-19 National Emergency (August 31, 2021)
- Three-Month Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency – For States and CLP Holders Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles (August 31, 2021)
- Revised Expanded Frequently Asked Questions for State Driver Licensing Agencies and Commercial Drivers Regarding Permissible Actions During the COVID-19 Emergency (August 31, 2021)
- Waiver for States Concerning Third Party CDL Skills Test Examiners In Response to the COVID-19 Emergency (August 31, 2021)
- September 11 Extension of Modified Expanded Emergency Declaration

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