CDL Update

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• National Registry II Final Rule
• MAP-21 State CDL Plans
• Online CDL Training
• CDL Auditing Best Practices & Training Curriculum
• Effective Date – On or after June 22, 2018

• Purpose
  – Facilitate the electronic transmission of Medical Examiner’s Certificate (MEC) information from FMCSA’s National Registry to the State Driver License Agency’s (SDLA’s)

• What does it do?
  – Requires Medical Examiners (ME) to use a newly developed Medical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA–5875, in place of the current MER Form
  – Requires ME’s to use new Form MCSA–5876 for the (MEC)
• What does it do? (Cont)

  – Requires ME’s to report results of all CMV drivers’ physical examinations performed (including the results of examinations where the driver was found not to be qualified) to FMCSA by midnight (local time) of the next calendar day following the examination
• FMCSA Requirements

  – Requires FMCSA to electronically transmit driver identification, examination results, and restriction information from examinations performed from the National Registry to the State Driver’s Licensing Agencies (SDLAs).

  – Requires FMCSA to also transmit medical variance information for all CMV drivers electronically to the SDLAs.
Jurisdiction Requirements

- Requires jurisdictions to receive MEC information from FMCSA electronically through CDLIS
- Requires jurisdictions to automatically update the CDLIS driver record with the MEC information received within 1 business day of receipt.
- Requires jurisdiction to change the driver’s status to “not certified” and begin the downgrade process when the SDLA receives information that a driver has been found to be not physically qualified in a subsequent examination.
• Requirement
  – Jurisdictions are required to submit a plan to FMCSA by 9/30/15 signifying the jurisdiction’s compliance with ALL CDL requirements set forth in Section 32305 of the MAP-21 legislation. The plan must include assurances that the jurisdiction will take the necessary actions to comply with the requirements no later than 9/30/15 and maintain compliance for a period on the date the plan is submitted and ending on 9/30/16.
• CDL requirements in Section 32305
  – All jurisdictions must be operating commercial driver’s license information systems that are compatible with the modernized CDLIS information system
  – All jurisdictions must use the systems to receive and submit conviction and disqualification data
  – Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Enhancement Act of 2012, the jurisdictions must implement a system and practices for the exclusive electronic exchange of driver history record information including the posting of convictions, withdrawals, and disqualifications.
• CDL requirements in Section 32305 (cont)
  – Before renewing or issuing a commercial driver’s license to an individual, the jurisdictions must request information pertaining to the individual from the drug and alcohol clearinghouse (not yet
Content of State CDL Plans

- The plan submitted by a jurisdiction must identify:
  - The actions that the jurisdiction will take to address any deficiencies in the State’s commercial driver’s license program, as identified in the most recent CDL audit of the jurisdiction’s CDL program
  - Other actions that the State will take to comply with the requirement of operating a commercial driver’s license information system that is compatible with the modernized CDLIS information system
• CDL State Plan Update
  – The MAP-21 requirement for jurisdictions to submit their CDL state plans has been postponed.
  – FMCSA has not received permission from the Office of Management & Budget (OMB) to perform the Information Collection Request (ICR).
  – FMCSA cannot require the jurisdictions to submit their plans until they have received permission from OMB to do so.
Online CDL Training

- CDL Training Requirements
  - Requires that as of July 8, 2015, all State knowledge and skills test examiners successfully complete a formal CDL training course and examination before certifying them to administer CDL knowledge and skills tests.
  - Requires that as of July 8, 2015, all third party skills test examiners successfully complete a formal CDL test examiner training course and examination before certifying them to administer CDL skills tests.
• CDL Training Requirements
  – Requires that all State knowledge and skills test examiners successfully complete a refresher training course and examination every 4 years before recertifying them to administer CDL knowledge and skills tests
  – Requires that all third party skills test examiners successfully complete a refresher training course and examination every 4 years before recertifying them to administer CDL skills tests
Online CDL Training

- CDL Training Requirements
  - Knowledge Test Training must include:
    - Introduction to CDL Licensing System
    - Overview of the CDL tests
    - Knowledge tests
  - Skills Test Training must include:
    - Introduction to CDL Licensing System
    - Overview of the CDL tests
    - Vehicle inspection test
    - Basic control skills testing
    - Road test
AAMVA’s Online CDL Training Program

- The AAMVA CCE/CDL Examiner Training Courseware is a set of comprehensive training Modules designed to assist jurisdictions in meeting the CDL Examiner training and certification requirements. It contains all of the previously identified training topics.

- The courseware can be tailored for use in a classroom, as a self-paced online training course or a blended program (classroom and online) for training and certifying State Knowledge and Skills Test Examiners and Third Party CDL Skills Test Examiners.
AAMVA’s Online CDL Training Program

- The AAMVA CCE/CDL Examiner Training Courseware is provided in three file formats:
  
  - .CPTX format: Used to edit and insert jurisdictional information and to upload the tailored courseware to a jurisdiction’s Learning Management System (LMS).
  
  - .SWF format: Used to upload the courseware as designed to a jurisdiction’s LMS but is not editable.
  
  - .EXE format: For use on any personal computer as a stand-alone training program. A LMS is not required. However, the jurisdiction must manually track the training and testing of the participants.
AAMVA’s Online CDL Training Program

– The Knowledge Examiner training modules are available now for jurisdictional use.

– The Skills Test Examiner training modules are being pilot tested right now will be available shortly once the pilot test is completed.
Purpose

– Develop a standardized auditing & training program for auditing State Examiners, Third Party Testers and Third Party Skills Test Examiners to assist jurisdictions in meeting the CDL auditing requirements of the FMCSR’s.

• At least once every two years, conduct covert and overt monitoring of examinations performed by State and third party CDL skills test examiners.

• At least once every 2 years, conduct unannounced, on-site inspections of third party testers' and examiners' records.
• Jurisdictional Requirement’s
  – Establish and maintain a database to track pass/fail rates of applicants tested by each State and third party CDL skills test examiner
  – Establish and maintain a database of all third party testers and examiners
  – Establish and maintain a database of all State CDL skills examiners
  – Establish and maintain a database that tracks skills tests administered by each State and third party CDL skills test examiner.
CDL Auditing Best Practices & Training Program

- Auditing Best Practices
  - Standardized forms and processes are being developed for Jurisdictional use in auditing Jurisdictional & Third Party Testers:
    - Model 3rd Party Auditing Agreement
    - Overt & Covert monitoring procedures
    - Identifying records to be audited
    - Tracking Examiner training & certification
    - Auditing Examiner training materials
    - Examiner Background record checks
    - Rescinding Examiner certification
    - Auditing via CSTIMS
• Auditing Curriculum
  – Introduction to the CDL Licensing System
  – Overview of FMCSA regulations and State Laws/Codes
  – Responsibilities and characteristics of a CDL Auditor
  – Auditing techniques and skills
  – Adapting to different personalities
  – Procedures for conducting a CDL records audit
  – Procedures for conducting State Knowledge Test Examiner audits
  – Procedures of conducting CDL Skills Test audits
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