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Military CDL Program Update

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FMCSA
• Military CDL Rule
  o Permanent Extension – Skills Test Waiver Application to 1 year
  o Waiver of Domicile Rule

• Missouri Exemption Request – waiver of knowledge test
  o Even Trade 88M/3531/2T1/EO for a CDL

• Waiver of ELDT Training Requirement

• USAF Moves to Adopt AAMVA Testing Model

• Under-21 Interstate Military CDL Pilot

• Equate Military to CDL Physical

• Workforce Development efforts
Military CDL Rule

- March 16, 2016 - FMCSA published the CDL Requirements of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21) and the Military Commercial Driver’s License Act of 2012 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) (81 FR 14052);

- NPRM proposed to extend the time for applying for a skills test waiver from the current 90 days to 1 year after leaving a military position requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV);

- Also proposed to allow States to accept applications from and administer both the written knowledge and skills tests for a commercial learner’s permit (CLP) or commercial driver’s license (CDL) to active duty military personnel stationed in that State. The duty-station State would then transmit electronically the application and test results to the State of domicile, which would be required to issue the CDL or CLP on the basis of those documents; and

- This rulemaking is intended to ease the transition of military personnel into civilian careers in the truck and bus industry by simplifying the process getting a CLP and CDL.
Missouri State Driver Licensing Agency (SDLA) has applied for an exemption to the rules requiring applicants to take both the knowledge and skills tests for military personnel with designated MOS;

Application requests an ‘even trade’ for specific MOS’s to go directly to a CDL (while still complying with other requirements, i.e. residency and medical exam);

Application by Missouri was extended to be available to all States at their choice; and

Federal Register notice posted and comment period closed. We expect to issue a decision, hopefully within 30 days.
Under 21 Interstate CDL Pilot

- FAST Act, 2015 requires DOT to study the feasibility, benefits, and safety allowing under 21 drivers to operate in interstate commerce;
- 3 year study will focus on drivers at least 18 but not more than 21;
- Specific MOS identified by FMCSA: (88M / 2T1 / 3531 / EO)
- Anticipate the majority of participants will come from Reserve and National Guard components; and
- Requires carrier (employer) sponsorship.
- Federal Register Notice – July, 2016; Pilot kick-off, early 2017

❖ Could be a great recruiting tool for National Guard
Effort to Equate Military to CDL Physical

- FAST Act requires DOT to develop process for Veterans Administration (VA) doctors to perform CDL medicals;
- Additional effort to compare DOD exit physical to CDL physical to eliminate need to take another physical when applying for a CDL; and
- Assure the CDL exam and military exam medical are comparable.
• DOT Formation of Departmental Workforce Development Task Force;

• Awareness across all modes of military credentialing efforts;

• For truck/bus employers – need to compile and translate military driving experiences – vehicle miles traveled (VMT), hours driven, types of vehicle qualified to English; and

• Continue to partner with stakeholders such as Army Soldier-for-Life to assist in overcoming transition issues.
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