

LEGAL UPDATE

FMCSA Issues Temporary Waivers for Expired CDLs, CLPs and Medical Cards

In response to the national emergency brought by the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued [temporary license-renewal waivers](#) to help states and commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers assist with relief efforts.

Temporary Waivers

The waivers apply to certain commercial driver's license (CDL), commercial learner's permit (CLP), and medical-certification requirements. The waivers are available for drivers who are unable to renew their CDL, CLP or medical card because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Specifically, drivers who held a valid CDL, CLP or medical card that expired on or after March 1, 2020, may continue to drive with the expired document **until June 30**. The medical card waiver applies to drivers who have proof of a valid medical certification that was issued for a period of at least 90 days and that expired on or after March 1, 2020.

Terms, Conditions and Restrictions of Waivers

The waivers mentioned above do **not** apply to:

- CDLs or CLPs that expired before March 1, 2020;
- CDLs or CLPs that were lost because of traffic offenses;
- Drivers with expired medical cards who cannot produce evidence of a prior medical certification that expired on or after March 1, 2020; or
- Drivers who are disqualified from operating in interstate commerce because of a **newly diagnosed medical condition**.

Finally, motor carriers are required to notify the FMCSA **within five days** of any accident involving any driver operating under a temporary waiver. Notification must be sent **by email** to MCPD@DOT.GOV. Waivers may be revoked for any violation of the terms and conditions set by the FMCSA.

Accident Notification (for waivers)

For any accident involving a driver operating under a temporary waiver, notification must include:

- Date of the accident;
- City or town and state in which the accident occurred (or that is closest to the accident scene);
- Driver's name and license number;
- Vehicle number and state license number;
- Number of individuals who suffered physical injury;
- Number of fatalities;
- The police-reported cause of the accident (if available at time of the report); and
- Whether the driver was cited for violation of any traffic laws or motor carrier safety regulations.

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