



**New Medical Certification Requirement for Commercial Driver's License Holders- Effective May 21<sup>st</sup> 2014**

**All commercial drivers whose current medical certificate expires on or after May 21, 2014, must be examined by a medical professional listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners.** The National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners is a new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) program. Only medical examiners that have completed training and successfully passed a test on FMCSA's physical qualification standards will be listed on the National Registry.

**To locate a Certified Medical Examiner in your area please visit the web at <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam> or call FMCSA at 1-800-832-5660.**

**FMCSA Program information**

The National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners lists medical examiners (MEs) who have been trained, tested and certified to perform medical examinations for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers in interstate commerce. These MEs fully understand the medical standards in the FMCSA Regulations, related guidance and how they relate to the medical demands of operating a commercial motor vehicle.

The goal of the National Registry is to promote and preserve the highest level of professional standards, training and care among medical examiners. Therefore, the National Registry requires that medical examiners performing CMV driver examinations be trained and certified.

All healthcare professionals are eligible to apply to become a certified medical examiner if their scope of practice authorizes them to perform physical examinations, as defined by the State in which they practice.

The objectives of the National Registry are to:

- Ensure that medical examiners understand fully the medical standards in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) and related guidance and how they apply to CMV drivers
- Maintain ongoing competency of medical examiners through training, testing, certification and recertification
- Promote public confidence in the quality of the medical examinations of CMV drivers
- Ensure that the list of certified medical examiners is easily accessible