Implementation of Changes to Medical Certification Requirements

By fall 2013, NYS CDL holders must declare (self-certify) to DMV the type of driving they will be performing. They must choose only 1 of the 4 driving types. If the driving type selected requires the driver to be medically certified, all required medical documentation [medical certificate, medical waiver, skills performance evaluation certificate (SPE)] must be submitted to DMV at that time.

The Driving Types

**Non-exceptioned Interstate (NI)**—applies to CDL drivers who are age 21 or older and meet the federal medical requirements.

*Drivers with a HAZMAT endorsement must select this driving type. Requires current medical certification documentation to be submitted*

**Excepted Interstate (EI)**—applies to CDL drivers who operate only municipal or school bus vehicles, who are age 21 or older and who do not to meet the federal medical requirements.

Requires an A3 restriction on driver’s license

**Non-exceptioned Intrastate (NA)**—applies to drivers who are under age 21 and meet the federal medical requirements. These drivers are only allowed to drive a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) in New York State.

*Drivers must re-certify their driving type and amend their license restrictions when they turn 21. Requires current medical certification documentation to be submitted and a K restriction on driver’s license*

**Excepted Intrastate (EA)**—applies to drivers who had a CDL prior to **9/9/1999** and who do not meet the federal medical requirements. These drivers are only allowed to drive a CMV in New York State.

Requires a K restriction on driver’s license

Also applies to drivers who are under age 21 and operate municipal or school bus vehicles and do not to meet the federal medical requirements.

*Drivers must re-certify their driving type and amend their license restrictions when they reach age 21. Requires both a K and an A3 restriction on driver’s license*

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**What will be new?**

- NYS CDL holders must declare to DMV which 1 of the 4 driving types they will be performing.
- Drivers will be responsible for submitting any new medical documentation to the DMV central office prior to the expiration of the existing medical documentation.
- Drivers must certify to non-exceptioned interstate (NI) to obtain or keep the Hazmat endorsement.

**How can I prepare?**

- There is no need to visit a DMV office or send any information to DMV at this time.
- Verify DMV has your current address on file. [Change my DMV license address now](https://www.dmv.ny.gov)
- Know and understand the restrictions required for the driving type you plan to choose.
- Continue to carry all up-to-date medical certification documentation when required.
- Bring copies of your required medical documentation when processing a license transaction at a DMV office.

**What DMV will be doing:**

DMV will be mailing out a self-certification notification letter to all NY CDL holders (approximately 550,000). Drivers will be responsible for marking their driving type on the letter and returning it with any required medical documentation in the envelope provided. Here is some important information:

- Each letter will be bar coded with the driver’s unique identifying information for processing.
- **Do not** use a photocopy of another driver’s letter.
- The letters will be mailed numerically by NYS License ID number.
- DMV anticipates mailing 55,000 letters per month; the notification process will take 1 year to complete.

**When and How will I self certify to my driving type?**

- Return your completed self-certification letter with **photocopies** of any required medical documentation. 
  **Note:** Incomplete, inaccurate or illegible photocopies of documents will be rejected and returned to you
- In late 2012, self-certification requirements can be satisfied during a driver license or permit transaction at a DMV office (except for duplicates or change of address).
- When self certifying at a local DMV office, you do not need to mail documents to the DMV central office.
- **Do not** visit a DMV office only to self certify. DMV offices are unable to process just the self-certification.

**How do I submit new documentation to DMV?**

- **Photocopies** of updated medical documents should be mailed directly to the DMV central office.
- Updated medical documentation may be accepted at a DMV office **only** if it is required for the transaction.
- The DMV central office mailing address will be posted when available.

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