

ATTENTION: Effective April 21, 2025, per Federal Regulation, North Dakota Driver License Division will no longer be able to accept medical examiner certificates and the requirement will be for nationally certified medical examiners to upload the certificate electronically. You can continue to verify your certificate validity on our website: [Drivers License Online Services - CDL Medical Certificate Status](#). After this date, please contact the medical examiner who performed your DOT physical regarding questions or concerns with your certificate upload. To find a medical examiner listed in the registry, go to the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners homepage at [FMCSA National Registry](#)

Category 1 Interstate drivers who are subject to 49 CFR part 391 is further defined as:

- Trade, traffic, or transportation between a place in a state and place outside of such state including a place outside of the United States; or
- Trade, traffic, or transportation between two places in a state through another state or a place outside of the United States; or
- Trade, traffic, or transportation between two places in a state as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside the state or the United States. *Note: Even though you may not actually be crossing state lines, you are still deemed an interstate driver if any part of your load originated or is terminating outside of North Dakota.*

Category 1: Interstate and subject to 49 CFR part 391. *A copy of the Medical Certificate must be electronically submitted by Medical Examiner performing DOT physical exam.*

- All Class A, B, and C drivers who do NOT fall under any of the other categories.
- All Class A, B, and C drivers granted a federal vision exemption; or SPE-limb impairment Skill Performance Evaluation.

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Category 2: Interstate, but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68, or 398.3. *No medical certificate is required, except for school bus operations. Medical monitoring may be required by the North Dakota Driver License Division pending certain medical conditions.*

- School bus operations crossing state lines. *Medical Certificate must be carried by the school bus driver. Do not send it to our office.*
- Transportation performed by the Federal government, a State, or any political subdivision of a State.
- Occasional transportation of personal property by individuals *not for compensation*, nor in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.
- The transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons.
- The operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations.
- A 9 to 15 passenger van, including the driver, weighing less than 26,001 gross vehicle weight rating, and *not for compensation*.
- Apiarian industries (Beekeepers).
- Farm custom operations (Custom Harvesters).
- Non-articulated farm vehicle drivers operating within a 150-mile radius of the farm.
- Covered Farm Vehicles displaying farm plates/CFV designation (straight trucks and articulated vehicles). If more than 26,001 lbs., the driver may operate within home state, and if crossing state lines, within a 150-mile radius of owner or operator's farm or ranch. If 26,001 lbs. or less, the driver may operate anywhere in the U.S.
- Private motor carrier of passengers (nonbusiness). For example, organizations exempt from the Internal Revenue Code that provide transportation for their members.
- Emergency delivery of propane winter heating fuel and pipeline response.
- Drivers of migrant workers (must meet minimum medical standards only; 49 CFR 398.3).

Category 3: Intrastate and subject to State driver qualification requirements.

Medical Certificate must be carried by the driver.

- North Dakota drivers granted a State Waiver for vision (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).
- **In-state (Intrastate)** drivers of vehicles over 26,000 pounds, placarded hazardous material, vehicles designed to transport 16 or more persons including the driver, and school vehicles designed to seat ten or more passengers, and school bus drivers who do not cross state lines. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).

Category 4: Intrastate, but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or part of the State driver qualification requirements. *No medical certificate required. Medical monitoring may be required by the North Dakota Driver License Division pending certain medical conditions.*

- Bonafide farmer operating articulated farm vehicles within a 150-mile radius of the farm **and** does NOT cross state lines. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).
- Farmer or Rancher operating a covered farm vehicle displaying farm plates/CFV designation (straight trucks and articulated vehicles) within North Dakota only. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).
- Business vehicles 10,001 to 26,000 lbs. GVWR that do NOT cross state lines, do NOT transport hazardous material that requires placarding, and are NOT designed to transport 16 or more persons, including the driver. (Restriction K; CDL is valid for Intrastate only).