



Minnesota Department of Transportation

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Applicant: Please pass this on to your Medical Examiner

NOTICE TO MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is required by law to obtain certain medical information before granting waivers of various medical requirements for commercial motor vehicle drivers. We have been receiving medical exam reports with numerous omissions causing unnecessary delays for the affected applicants and making it difficult for the Department to review the waiver application. Therefore, we ask that you assist both the applicant and the Department by carefully following the requirements for waiver applicants.

“DOT” Medical Examinations

Commercial vehicle drivers are required to be examined by a qualified medical examiner who performed an examination in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 391.43. The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) recognizes physical examinations and certifications performed by doctors of medicine, osteopathy, and chiropractic. Physicians assistants and nurse practitioners may also perform these functions only if they have been delegated the authority by a supervising physician in a written agreement. The medical examiner’s handwritten signature and title is required on the report, and the line “medically unqualified unless accompanied by a waiver” should be checked. This certifies the patient passed the examination except for the medical condition that is subject to waiver.

Additional Examination for Waivers

Mn/DOT currently accepts applications for waivers from drivers who are not qualified under 391.43. For these applicants we require a more extensive examination of their particular medical condition by a licensed physician or other medical specialist. Currently, we accept applications for the following types of waivers:

- Deaf/hard-of-hearing: requires additional examination by a licensed physician.
- Insulin-dependent diabetic: requires additional examination by a licensed physician and an ophthalmologist or optometrist.
- Physical: the loss or impairment of leg, foot, toe, arm, hand, or fingers. Requires additional examination by a board qualified or board certified physiatrist (doctor of physical medicine) or orthopedic surgeon.
- Vision: requires addition examination by a qualified optometrist or ophthalmologist.

The applicant has a packet that contains information regarding the medical conditions that should be addressed for each particular waiver. We appreciate your assistance in responding to the specific requirements.