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Intrastate Drivers

The Minnesota Department of Transportation may grant a waiver to a person who is not physically qualified to drive under 49 CFR Section 391.41 subp. (b) (1), (b)(2), (b)(3), (b)(10), or (b)(11). A waiver granted under this subdivision applies to intrastate transportation only.

There are four waiver programs available to Minnesota Intrastate drivers:

- Hearing
- Insulin dependent diabetics
- Physical
- Vision

To obtain a Minnesota Intrastate Waiver a driver **must** first be examined by a medical examiner. After a driver has been found to be physically unqualified, an application can then be submitted to the Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations.

The application must be accompanied by a copy of the medical examiners report and medical examiners certificate showing that the applicant is medically unqualified to drive unless a waiver is granted. The doctor needs to indicate, on both documents, the type of waiver required.

Waivers granted will have the same expiration date as the expiration date shown on the medical examiners certificate. The waiver can be cancelled, suspended or revoked by the Department of Transportation.

Minnesota intrastate waiver applications are available on the Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations Web site at www.mndot.gov/cvo/.

Note: The Minnesota Department of Transportation does not issue waivers for school bus drivers. For information on school bus drivers license waivers, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 651-297-5029, or visit their Web site at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dvs/Pages>.

Interstate Drivers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may grant a Skills Performance Evaluation Certificate to a driver who is not physically qualified to drive a CMV under 49 CFR Section 391.41 (b)(1) or (2). Drivers determined to be physically unqualified due to diabetes or certain vision issues may apply to FMCSA for a waiver/exemption.

For Skill Performance Evaluation Certificates, physical waivers/exemptions, contact the US DOT at 708-283-3569. A person who has an interstate Federal Skills Performance Evaluation Certificate waiver/exemption does not need a Minnesota medical waiver.

For information on interstate diabetic and vision waivers/exemptions contact the USDOT at 703-448-3094, or visit their website at: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/driver-exemption-programs> or

<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/skill-performance-evaluation-certificate-program>

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