

FMSCA Mandatory Medical Certificate Submission FAQ

What is changing?

The Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will no longer accept Medical Examiner's Certificates (DOT cards) directly from CDL holders. They will be transmitted electronically by the medical examiner to the FMCSA National Registry, directly to the DMV.

How will I be able to submit my updated Medical Certificate when the DMV contacts me?

The Medical Examiner's Certificate must be completed by a certified medical examiner/doctor and signed. As of June 23, 2025, the DMV will no longer accept Medical Examiner's Certificates (DOT card) directly from CDL holders. They will be transmitted electronically from the FMCSA National Registry to the DMV exclusively.

Please do not submit them to the DMV via any method, as they will not be accepted.

What is Med Cert documentation?

Medical Certification documentation is proof that you are medically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle. Medical Certification documentation always includes a valid, unexpired Medical Examiners Certificate/DOT Physical Card, and if applicable, accompanied by an unexpired medical variance or skills performance evaluation certificate.

What does it mean to self-certify?

Delaware CDL holders must designate the type of driving for which they are qualified with an initial application, upgrade, or change in status. For instance, if you have a medical condition that requires an Intrastate Waiver, you need to certify that you will only be driving within the State of Delaware. If you have a CDL and a Medical Certification without limitations, you will certify that you are physically qualified to drive Interstate (between states). CDL holders are no longer required to submit a self-certification form when updating their medical certification documentation.

The self-certification will only be required when a customer is obtaining a CLP, transferring a CDL, upgrading a license to a CDL, or changing their self-certification status. If a medical waiver/exemption is needed, it must be submitted along with the medical certification.

To begin click below.

https://dmv.de.gov/forms/driver_serv_forms/pdfs/cdlMedCert/SelfCertificationAffidavitCateg oryGuide.pdf?cache=1743633669810

You may also email, fax, or submit your self-certification in person. Please note that all CLP/CDL holders are required to self-certify with the DMV.

If I develop a medical condition that results in a change of my medical status, what should I do?

You are responsible for ensuring you are physically qualified to drive a commercial vehicle. If your medical status changes, you should be reexamined by a physician to determine if it is still safe for you to drive. If any new limitations of driving result, you must visit a DMV office to obtain a corrected license if permitted.

Who is responsible for ensuring that I have a valid Medical Certificate in my possession?

All CDL holders are responsible for ensuring they meet Federal and State medical certification requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle. A valid Medical Examiner's Certificate must be maintained to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

Do I still need to carry my unexpired Med Cert documentation with my CDL if I provide the DMV with a copy?

As of June 23, 2025, a Medical Examiner's Certificate is no longer required to be carried physically on your person. Anyone whose Medical Certification is marked for having a Federal or Delaware state waiver must have a copy of the variance documentation on their person when on duty.

What if I don't have my Medical Certificate current and it expires?

It is illegal to operate a commercial motor vehicle in Delaware without proof of medical qualification. If you are no longer medically qualified to drive or if you choose not to undergo an examination to determine your medical qualification, you must visit a DMV office immediately and downgrade your license to a non-commercial classification.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?

DOT DECDLMEDCERT@delaware.gov or 1-877-477-7117