

Federal Motor Carrier Safety regulations require **certain** Commercial Driver License (CDL) holders to mail, fax, or email a **copy (not the actual card)** of their Medical Certificate to the Driver License Division in Bismarck. If you are one of the drivers required to send a copy of your medical certificate to our office, you are also required to keep your medical certificate current even during times you are not actively driving commercial motor vehicles.

If you are required to send a copy of your medical certificate to the Driver License Division, failure to do so will result in downgrading your commercial driving privileges to noncommercial driving privileges only. Downgrading will also occur if you allow your medical certificate to expire.

**Note:** your record will be updated sooner if you fax or email the copy to us.

**Please include your name, driver's license number, and telephone number with the copy of your medical certificate. Mail, fax, email or upload to:**

Driver License Division 608  
East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0750 *or*  
Fax to 701-328-0308 *or*

Email with a PDF attachment to [dotmedcerts@nd.gov](mailto:dotmedcerts@nd.gov) *or*

Upload to our website: [Drivers License Online Services - Medical Certification Upload \(nd.gov\)](#)

*Note: If sending medical certificates for more than one driver, use a separate fax or PDF attachment for each driver.*

How do I know if this applies to me?

The **Category Chart** on page 2 describes four categories of CDL drivers. **Only Category 1 Drivers** are required to send a copy of their medical certificate to our office. **Note:** All school bus drivers and CDL drivers who fall under Category 3 only need to carry their medical certificate- Do not send a copy to us.

**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.*

**ATTENTION:** Starting May 21, 2014, **only** medical examiners listed in the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners are authorized to perform DOT physicals and issue the medical certificate. Medical certificates from medical examiners not listed in the registry will not be accepted. To find a medical examiner listed in the registry, go to the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners homepage at <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

**Category 1: Interstate and subject to 49 CFR part 391.** *A copy of the Medical Certificate must be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the North Dakota Driver License Division.*

- 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.

**CATEGORY 1 (INTERSTATE) IS FURTHER DEFINED ON PAGE 1**

**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. Do not send it to our office.*

- 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).