
MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Robert Kynoch, Director of Motorist Services

DATE: December 22, 2020

SUBJECT: Commercial Driver Licenses

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The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has extended Waivers in Response to the COVID-19 National Emergency for States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles.

If you stop a driver operating a commercial motor vehicle with a Commercial Driver License (CDL) or Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) that expired on or after March 1, 2020, the driver should not be cited for driving without a valid license.

Medical certificates that expired on or after June 1, 2020 are valid until December 31, 2020. Medical certificates that expired on or after September 1, 2020 are valid until February 28, 2021.

FMCSA also continues to recognize the validity of commercial driver's licenses issued by Canadian Provinces and Territories and Licencias Federales de Conductor issued by the United Mexican States, when such jurisdictions issue a similar notice or declaration extending the validity date of the medical examiner's certificate and/or validity of the corresponding commercial driver's license due to interruption to government service resulting from COVID-19.

This enforcement policy shall be effective through February 28, 2021. The waiver does not apply to a CDL or CLP holder if the driver's privileges have been suspended or withdrawn for traffic offenses. Thank you for your cooperation as we allow qualified commercial motor vehicle drivers to operate during this difficult time.

For additional information related to the FMCSA Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 National Emergency for States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles, and current FMCSA Emergency Declarations or Waivers, please visit the FMCSA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and Resources website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/COVID-19.