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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #17913 and #17914; KENTUCKY Disaster Number KY-00100]**

### **Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the Commonwealth of KENTUCKY (FEMA-4711-DR), dated 05/09/2023.  
*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides.

*Incident Period:* 02/15/2023 through 02/20/2023.

**DATES:** Issued on 05/09/2023.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/10/2023.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/09/2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 05/09/2023, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Bell, Breathitt, Caldwell, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Harlan, Hart, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Whitley, Wolfe.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.375
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375
For Economic Injury: Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 17913 B and for economic injury is 17914 O.

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #17891 and #17892; OKLAHOMA Disaster Number OK-00168]**

### **Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Oklahoma**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Oklahoma (FEMA-4706-DR), dated 04/24/2023.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes.

*Incident Period:* 04/19/2023 through 04/20/2023.

**DATES:** Issued on 05/08/2023.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 06/23/2023.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 01/24/2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Oklahoma, dated 04/24/2023, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):* Cleveland.

*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):* All contiguous counties have previously been declared.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**[Disaster Declaration #17911 and #17912; ALABAMA Disaster Number AL-00132]**

### **Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Alabama**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Alabama (FEMA-4710-DR), dated 05/05/2023.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Tornadoes.

*Incident Period:* 03/24/2023 through 03/27/2023.

**DATES:** Issued on 05/05/2023.  
*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/05/2023.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/05/2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 05/05/2023, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

*Primary Counties:* Chambers, Colbert, Coosa, Elmore, Lauderdale, Macon, Marion, Morgan, Randolph, Tallapoosa.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.375
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 17911 C and for economic injury is 17912 O.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0124; FMCSA-2014-0103; FMCSA-2014-0106; FMCSA-2014-0385; FMCSA-2015-0329; FMCSA-2016-0002; FMCSA-2017-0058; FMCSA-2018-0137; FMCSA-2020-0027]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 12 individuals from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** The exemptions were applicable on April 21, 2023. The exemptions expire on April 21, 2025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4001, [fmcamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcamedical@dot.gov). Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Public Participation

#### A. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number (FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2014-0103, FMCSA-2014-0106, FMCSA-2014-0385, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2016-0002, FMCSA-2017-0058, FMCSA-2018-0137, or FMCSA-2020-0027) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click "Browse Comments." If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

#### B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption requests. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

### II. Background

On March 30, 2023, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 12 individuals from the hearing standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (88 FR 19187). The public comment period ended on May 1, 2023, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(11).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding hearing found in § 391.41(b)(11) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person first perceives a forced whispered voice in the better ear at not

less than 5 feet with or without the use of a hearing aid or, if tested by use of an audiometric device, does not have an average hearing loss in the better ear greater than 40 decibels at 500 Hz, 1,000 Hz, and 2,000 Hz with or without a hearing aid when the audiometric device is calibrated to American National Standard (formerly ASA Standard) Z24.5-1951.

This standard was adopted in 1970 and was revised in 1971 to allow drivers to be qualified under this standard while wearing a hearing aid (35 FR 6458, 6463 (Apr. 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 8, 1971), respectively).

### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

### IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 12 renewal exemption applications, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the hearing requirement in § 391.41 (b)(11).

As of April 21, 2023, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 12 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the hearing requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (88 FR 19188):

Maurice Abenchuchan (FL)  
Ivan Batista (NJ)  
Prince Bempong (MA)  
Richard Boggs (OH)  
Keith Byrd (TN)  
Perry Cobb (TN)  
Nathaniel Godfrey (KY)  
Reynaldo Martinez (TX)  
Floyd McClain (OH)  
David Sanders (IL)  
John Turner (CO)  
Anthony Witcher (MI)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA-2013-0124, FMCSA-2014-0103, FMCSA-2014-0106, FMCSA-2014-0385, FMCSA-2015-0329, FMCSA-2016-0002, FMCSA-2017-0058, FMCSA-2018-0137, or FMCSA-2020-0027. Their exemptions were applicable as of April 21, 2023 and will expire on April 21, 2025. In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and