

sector space activities advance and evolve.

Sustainability: Explore efforts to promote responsible behavior in space. Examine best practices and guidelines aimed at preserving the outer space environment for future space investment, exploration and use. In particular, implementation of the 2019 COPUOS Long-Term Sustainability (LTS) guidelines and the multi-nation Artemis Accords should be considered.

Emerging Markets: Discuss the challenges to an economically viable space industry and how these challenges relate to the domestic and international regulatory environment. Share recent advances within the commercial space sector and how they may develop in the future. Evaluate how an expanding commercial sector may affect equities like terrestrial based astronomy, planetary protection, orbital debris mitigation, and other aspects of safe and sustainable operations in outer space.

Valda Vikmanis-Keller,

Director, Office of Space Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0017]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Hearing

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

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 23 individuals for an exemption from the hearing requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) to operate a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these hard of hearing and deaf individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0017 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to www.regulations.gov/, insert the docket number, FMCSA-2021-0017, in the

keyword box, and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click on the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery:** West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, fmcamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. 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. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (Docket No. FMCSA-2021-0017), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to www.regulations.gov/docket?D=FMCSA-2021-0017. Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, click the "Comment" button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an

unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

B. Viewing Comments

To view comments go to www.regulations.gov. Insert the docket number, FMCSA-2021-0017, 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.

C. Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at www.transportation.gov/privacy.

II. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA may grant an exemption from the FMCSRs for no longer than a 5-year period if it finds such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption. The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 5-year period. FMCSA grants medical exemptions from the FMCSRs for a 2-year period to align with the maximum duration of a driver's medical certification.

The 23 individuals listed in this notice have requested an exemption from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11). Accordingly, the Agency will evaluate the qualifications of each applicant to determine whether granting the exemption will achieve the required level of safety mandated by statute.

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 3, 1971).

On February 1, 2013, FMCSA announced in a Notice of Final Disposition titled, “Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; National Association of the Deaf,” (78 FR 7479), its decision to grant requests from 40 individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers. Since that time the Agency has published additional notices granting requests from hard of hearing and deaf individuals for exemptions from the Agency’s physical qualification standard concerning hearing for interstate CMV drivers.

III. Qualifications of Applicants

Yunier Alegre

Mr. Alegre, 33, holds a class E license in Florida.

Kenneth Alston

Mr. Alston, 33, holds a class D license in New Jersey.

Charles Armand

Mr. Armand, 39, holds a class A license in New Jersey.

Baldemar Barba

Mr. Barba, 24, holds a class C license in Texas.

Gary Barber

Mr. Barber, 70, holds a commercial driver’s license in Wisconsin.

Desmond Dantzler

Mr. Dantzler, 51, holds a class D license in Arizona.

Jeremy Descloux

Mr. Descloux, 25, holds an operator’s license in Washington.

Philip Fatigato

Mr. Fatigato, 28, holds a class D license in Illinois.

William Hoke

Mr. Hoke, 50, holds a class D license in New York.

Edward Larizza

Mr. Larizza, 24, holds a class C license in California.

Kevin Maddox

Mr. Maddox, 58, holds a class AM license in Georgia.

Bikien McKoy

Mr. McKoy, 48, holds a class A license in North Carolina.

Rage Muse

Mr. Muse, 33, holds a class A license in Minnesota.

Orlando Padilla

Mr. Padilla, 47, holds a class E license in Florida.

Michael Paul

Mr. Paul, 60, holds a class A license in Illinois.

Aaron Pitsker

Mr. Pitsker, 31, holds a class CM license in California.

Michael Principe

Mr. Principe, 33, holds a class C license in Texas.

William Rivas

Mr. Rivas, 31, holds a class C license in California.

Kenneth Salts

Mr. Salts, 45, holds a class D license in Ohio.

Issac Soto

Mr. Soto, 32, holds a class D license in Illinois.

Gary Sturdevant

Mr. Sturdevant, 43, holds a class CM license in Texas.

Richard Taulbee

Mr. Taulbee, 40, holds a class C license in Georgia.

Matthew Taylor

Mr. Taylor, 27, holds a class C license in Texas.

IV. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption petitions described in this notice. We will consider all comments received before the close of

business on the closing date indicated under the **DATES** section of the notice.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[FTA Docket No. FTA 2022–0002]

National Transit Database Census Reporting Clarifications

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides interested parties with the opportunity to comment on changes to the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) National Transit Database (NTD) reporting requirements as they relate to Urbanized Areas (UZA). Each year, transit systems use data from the Census Bureau to update their basic information (B–10) form indicating what urbanized areas and rural areas they serve, and also to complete their Federal Funding Allocation (FFA–10) form distributing their service data across those urbanized and rural areas. The Census Bureau is expected to define new UZAs based on 2020 Census data in calendar year 2022. FTA proposes that for NTD Report Year 2021 (RY 2021), transit systems would be required to complete a B–10 and FFA–10 form based on the UZAs from the 2010 Census, as usual. If the Census Bureau releases new UZAs prior to October 1, 2022, then transit systems would be required to complete new B–10 and FFA–10 forms as an addendum to the annual report at that time.

DATES: Comments are requested by February 18, 2022. FTA will consider all comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date. To the extent practicable, FTA may also consider comments received after that date.

ADDRESSES: You may file comments identified by docket number FTA–2022–0002 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Send comments to Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.