

4 hours to complete the first part (Series 86) and 1½ hours to complete the second part (Series 87).

The Series 86 is the "Analysis" portion of the examination and consists of 100 multiple-choice questions covering the critical job functions of "Information and Data Collection" (10 questions) and "Analysis, Modeling, and Valuation" (90 questions). The second part, the Series 87, is the "Regulatory Administration and Best Practices" portion of the examination and consists of 50 multiple-choice questions covering the critical job functions of "Preparation of Research Reports" (32 questions) and "Dissemination of Information" (18 questions). This portion of the examination focuses on rules and regulations applicable to the work of a research analyst.

The selection specifications for the Series 86/87 examination, which NASD has omitted from this filing and has submitted under separate cover with a request for confidential treatment to the Commission's Secretary pursuant to Rule 24b-2 under the Act,<sup>20</sup> describe additional confidential information regarding the examination.

#### 4. NASD's Statutory Basis

NASD believes that the proposed Series 86/87 examination program is consistent with the provisions of sections 15A(b)(6)<sup>21</sup> and 15A(g)(3) of the Act,<sup>22</sup> which authorize NASD to prescribe standards of training, experience, and competence for persons associated with NASD members.

#### *B. Self-Regulatory Organizations' Statements on Burden on Competition*

NASD and NYSE do not believe that the proposed rule changes, as amended, will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act, as amended.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organizations' Statements on Comments on the Proposed Rule Changes Received From Members, Participants or Others*

The NASD and NYSE have neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule changes.

### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Changes and Timing for Commission Action

The proposed rule changes, as amended, are effective upon filing<sup>23</sup>

pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>24</sup> of the Act and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4<sup>25</sup> thereunder, in that the proposed rule changes (1) do not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) do not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) by their terms, do not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing.<sup>26</sup> At any time within 60 days of this filing, the Commission may summarily abrogate this proposal if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.<sup>27</sup>

The SROs requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement. The Commission finds good cause to designate the proposals effective upon filing with the Commission<sup>28</sup> because such designation is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule changes, as amended, are consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following email address: [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). All comment letters should refer to File Nos. SR-NYSE-2003-41; SR-NASD-2004-17. These file numbers should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hard copy or by email but not by both methods.

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule changes that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule changes between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the

public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the NASD and NYSE. All submissions should refer to the file numbers File Nos. SR-NYSE-2003-41; SR-NASD-2004-17 and should be submitted by March 15, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>29</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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### SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

#### Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of reporting requirements submitted for OMB review.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to submit proposed reporting and recordkeeping requirements to OMB for review and approval, and to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the agency has made such a submission.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before March 24, 2004. If you intend to comment but cannot prepare comments promptly, please advise the OMB Reviewer and the Agency Clearance Officer before the deadline.

**COPIES:** Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and

[David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov), fax number 202-395-7285 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, (202) 205-7044.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Title:* Disaster Survey Worksheet.

*No.:* 987.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>25</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4 (f)(6).

<sup>26</sup> The NASD notes that the proposed rule change does not alter the effective dates of Rule 2711 (as amended by this proposed rule change) that the Commission approved on May 10, 2002.

<sup>27</sup> For SR-NYSE-2003-41, the 60-day period would run from the date of filing of Amendment No. 2.

<sup>28</sup> See note 6 *supra*.

<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 240.24b-2.

<sup>21</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

<sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(g)(3).

<sup>23</sup> See note 6 *supra*.

*Description of Respondents:*  
Applicants who warrant Disaster Declaration.

*Responses:* 40.

*Annual Burden:* 249.

Jacqueline White,

Chief, Administrative Information Branch.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster #3564]

#### State of Ohio (Amendment #2)

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective February 13, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Belmont County as a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, mudslides, and landslides occurring on January 3, 2004, and continuing through January 30, 2004.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous county of Marshall in the State of West Virginia may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary county have been previously declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is March 26, 2004, and for economic injury the deadline is October 26, 2004.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 17, 2004.

S. George Camp,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket Nos. FMCSA-99-5578, FMCSA-99-5748, FMCSA-99-6156, FMCSA-2000-7918]

#### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the FMCSA decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 16 individuals. The FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from vision standards if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

**DATES:** This decision is effective March 7, 2004. Comments from interested persons should be submitted by March 24, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT DMS docket numbers FMCSA-99-5578, FMCSA-99-5748, FMCSA-99-6156, and FMCSA-2000-7918 by any of the following methods:

- Web site: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow the instructions for submitting comments on the DOT electronic docket site.

- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- Hand delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- Federal eRulemaking portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and docket numbers for this notice. For detailed instructions on submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the Public Participation heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading under Regulatory Notices.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://>

[dms.dot.gov](http://dms.dot.gov) at any time or to Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Zywokarte, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, (202) 366-2987, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Participation:** The DMS is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. You can get electronic submission and retrieval help guidelines under the "help" section of the DMS Web site. If you want us to notify you that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70, pages 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### Exemption Decision

Under 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e), the FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a 2-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 procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are set out in 49 CFR part 381. This notice addresses 16 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in a timely manner. The FMCSA has evaluated these 16 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period. They are:

Herman L. Bailey, Jr. ....  
Mark A. Baisden .....  
Brad T. Braegger .....

Myles E. Lane, Sr. ....  
Dennis J. Lessard .....  
Harry R. Littlejohn .....

George L. Silvia.  
James D. Simon.  
Wayland O. Timberlake.