

Answer the questions below to determine which category applies to you.

Do you operate your commercial motor vehicle (CMV) in **INTERSTATE** commerce (you or your cargo cross state lines)?

YES

Do you operate a CMV only?

- As a government employee per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- For school bus operations per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- Occasionally transporting personal property per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- Transporting corpses or the sick per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- As a fire truck or rescue vehicle per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- Transporting propane/winter heating fuel in an emergency per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)
- For custom farm operations per 49 CFR part 391.2
- As a beekeeper per 49 CFR part 391.2
- As a driver operating a "covered farm vehicle" as defined in 49 CFR 390.5
- As a private motor carrier carrying passengers for nonbusiness per 49 CFR part 391.68
- Transporting migrant workers per 49 CFR part 398.3
- Designed or used to transport nine to 15 passengers, not for direct compensation per 49 CFR part 390.3(f)

NO

NONEXCEPTED INTERSTATE

1. Self-certify as a nonexcepted interstate driver.
2. Submit a copy of your Medical Examiner's Certificate to the Iowa DOT.

Often a Medical Examiner's Certificate expires before it is time to renew your CDL. **Be sure to keep a current Medical Examiner's Certificate on file with the Iowa DOT. Failure to do so can result in a downgrade of your CDL status.**

YES

EXCEPTED INTERSTATE

1. Self-certify as an excepted interstate driver.

HOW DO YOU OPERATE YOUR CMV?

Do you operate your CMV in **INTRASTATE** commerce (you or your cargo DO NOT cross state lines)?

YES

Do you operate a CMV only?

- As a public utility truck per Iowa Code 321.449
- As a truck hauling gravel per Iowa Code 321.449*
- As a private construction truck or equipment per Iowa Code 321.449*
- As a truck moving implements of husbandry per Iowa Code 321.449*
- As a farmer, or farmer's hired help, operating a covered farm vehicle
- As a school district-employed school bus driver
- As a government driver per adoption of federal rules in 761 IAC 520
- Other farm and agricultural exemptions per Iowa Code 321.449 and 450
- As a vehicle, or vehicles, with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 lbs. or less.
- As an operator of a vehicle designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver

NO

NONEXCEPTED INTRASTATE

1. Self-certify as a nonexcepted intrastate driver.
2. You DO NOT need to submit a copy of your Medical Examiner's Certificate to the Iowa DOT; however, you must carry it with you while driving.

**Your driver's license will show a restriction "K" for intrastate driving only (when operating a CMV).*

YES

EXCEPTED INTRASTATE

1. Self-certify as an excepted intrastate driver.
- *Your driver's license will show a restriction "K" for intrastate driving only (when operating a CMV).*

HOW DO I STAY IN COMPLIANCE?

1. Complete the self-certification form whenever you renew, upgrade, or obtain a new CDL in person at any driver's license issuance site.

To find the driver's license issuance site nearest you, go to: www.iowadot.gov/mvd/locations.html. If you need to change your certification, please visit a driver's license issuance site.

2. Once you have completed the initial self-certification and submitted your Medical Examiner's Certificate for the first time, submit renewed Medical Examiner's Certificate before your previous one expires via one of the following methods.

- a. **Mail:** Office of Driver Services, P.O. Box 9204, Des Moines, IA 50306-9204
- b. **Fax:** 515-239-1837
- c. **Email:** CDL.MedCert@iowadot.us
(Email submissions must be scanned and attached as a pdf.)

