

## Conclusion

FMCSA evaluated the 7 individual exemption requests on their merits, available data from Evidence Reports and Medical Expert Panel opinions on the impact of ICDs on Commercial Motor Vehicle driving, and the public comments received. The Agency has determined that the available medical literature and data does not support a conclusion that granting these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety maintained without the exemptions. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on his/her exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published today summarizes the Agency's recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4).

The following 7 applicants are denied exemptions from the cardiovascular standard. Ellis James Benson, Jon Carey, Martin Carter, Carl Jeglum, William Kastner, Mark Todd Smith, Andre Williams.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0329]

### Qualification of Drivers; Application for Exemptions; Hearing

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

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 30 individuals for an exemption from the hearing requirement to operate commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0329 using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the

on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; 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, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

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**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment 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:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. 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 FDMS), which can be reviewed at [www.dot.gov/privacy](http://www.dot.gov/privacy).

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) 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 statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The 30 individuals listed in this notice have recently requested such an exemption from the hearing requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(11), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce. 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 49 CFR 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 (April 22, 1970) and 36 FR 12857 (July 3, 1971).

### II. Qualifications of Applicants

*James E. Adams*

Mr. Adams, age 44, holds an operator's license in Georgia.

*Ronald Bagby*

Mr. Bagby, age 66, holds an operator's license in Missouri.

*Robert Barnett*

Mr. Barnett, age 66, holds an operator's license in Michigan.

*Jason A. Beutal*

Mr. Beutal, age 39, holds an operator's license in Wisconsin.

*Benjamin Bottoms*

Mr. Bottoms, age 37, holds an operator's license in Virginia.

*Edward Broeker*

Mr. Broeker, age 54, holds an operator's license in California.

*John Brown*

Mr. Brown, age 59, holds a class A CDL in Minnesota.

*Chris C. Calogar*

Mr. Calogar, age 46, holds an operator's license in Ohio.

*Richard P. Carney*

Mr. Carney, age 58, holds an operator's license in New York.

*David Cochran*

Mr. Cochran, age 32, holds an operator's license in Washington.

*Mark Deaken*

Mr. Deaken, age 27, holds a class A CDL in Montana.

*Ronald Doiron*

Mr. Doiron, age 49, holds an operator's license in Massachusetts.

*Glenn Ferguson*

Mr. Ferguson, age 52, holds an operator's license in Texas.

*James Griffin*

Mr. Griffin, age 59, holds an operator's license in Tennessee.

*James Harris*

Mr. Harris, age 55, holds an operator's license in Florida.

*Kristina Hundorf*

Ms. Hundorf, age 50, holds an operator's license in California.

*Kenneth Jones*

Mr. Jones, age 55, holds a class A CDL in New Jersey.

*Paul Mansfield*

Mr. Mansfield, age 39, holds an operator's license in Kansas.

*Eric Muniz*

Mr. Muniz, age 38, holds an operator's license in Oklahoma.

*Anthony Panto*

Mr. Panto, age 57, holds a class A CDL in New Jersey.

*David Pogue*

Mr. Pogue, age 31, holds a class B CDL in Missouri.

*Jeffrey Prag*

Mr. Prag, age 56, holds a class AM CDL in Georgia.

*James Prine*

Mr. Prine, age 67, holds an operator's license in Arkansas.

*Steven Tipton*

Mr. Tipton, age 50, holds an operator's license in Iowa.

*Eric Trevino*

Mr. Trevino, age 30, holds an operator's license in Texas.

*Wayne Turner*

Mr. Turner, age 26, holds an operator's license in Illinois.

*Paul Wentworth*

Mr. Wentworth, age 48, holds an operator's license in Texas.

*Kevin L. Wickman*

Mr. Wickman, age 51, holds an operator's license in Iowa.

*Robert G. Wilson*

Mr. Wilson, age 64, holds an operator's license in Tennessee.

**III. Request for Comments**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, 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 in the date section of the notice.

**IV. Submitting Comments**

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 <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number FMCSA-2015-0329 and click the search button. When the new screen appears, click on the blue "Comment Now!" button on the right hand side of the page. On the new page, enter information required including the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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.

We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. FMCSA may issue a final determination any time after the close of the comment period.

**V. Viewing Comments and Documents**

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and in the search box insert the docket number

FMCSA-2015-0329 and click "Search." Next, click "Open Docket Folder" and you will find all documents and comments related to this notice.

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**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2016-0039]

**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Diabetes Mellitus**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of applications for exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 65 individuals for exemption from the prohibition against persons with insulin-treated diabetes mellitus (ITDM) operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in interstate commerce. If granted, the exemptions would enable these individuals with ITDM to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket No. FMCSA-2016-0039 using any of the following methods:

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