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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2015-0346]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of denials.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its denial of 100 applications from individuals who requested an exemption from the Federal vision standard applicable to interstate truck and bus drivers and the reasons for the denials. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions does not 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption from the Federal vision standard for a renewable 2-year period if it finds “such an exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to or greater than the level that

would be achieved absent such an exemption.” The procedures for requesting an exemption are set forth in 49 CFR part 381.

Accordingly, FMCSA evaluated 100 individual exemption requests on their merit and made a determination that these applicants do not satisfy the criteria eligibility or meet the terms and conditions of the Federal exemption program. Each applicant has, prior to this notice, received a letter of final disposition on the exemption request. Those decision letters fully outlined the basis for the denial and constitute final Agency action. The list published in this notice summarizes the Agency’s recent denials as required under 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(4) by periodically publishing names and reasons for denial.

The following 14 applicants had no experience operating a CMV:

Charles A. Bell	William R. J. Brown	Reginald Davis, Jr.
Ian S. Gunning	Lionel J. Kelley Jr.	Nina Y. Lenthe
Armando Moronez, Jr.	Daryl S. Payton	Michael Picklesimer
Andre A. Taft	Mark O. Teeter	Caitlin Teves
William D. Wright	Laura L. Zomlot	

The following 24 applicants did not have 3 years of experience driving a CMV on public highways with their vision deficiencies:

Shawn T. Cobbs	Glen D. Crawford	David Dibb
Armando Duval Sr.	Jamie A. Edson	Roger Ferry
Robert C. Findley	Jose A. Flores	Karl D. Graves
William A. Lamkie	Runger H. Langston	Bradley W. Lovelace
Tyrone Marrs	Edmund R. Morrison, IV	Alan L. Ofstad
John N. Pozworski	Stanley Reed	Tyrone M. Reese
Phillip A. Reilly	Walter A. Robidoux	Rodger L. Shaver
Monty W. Torrance	Scott A. Van Zandt	Neil D. Wangsness

The following 10 applicants did not have three years of recent experience driving a CMV with the vision deficiency:

Jason L. Cash	Stanley L. Gordon	John A. Gwinn
Terry L. Haggerty	Ryan A. Hale	Trish A. Melvin
Michele L. Mickelson	Daniel G. Vaughan	Ornando K. Welsey
Leonard F. Wood		

The following 3 applicants did not have sufficient driving experience during the past three years under normal highway operating conditions:

Michael E. Jones	Robert C. Lemke	Eric R. Padgett
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The following applicant, Mark L. Julin, was charged with a moving violation(s) in conjunction with a CMV accident(s).

The following applicant, Randall K. Robertson, does not have sufficient peripheral vision in the better eye to qualify for an exemption.

The following 6 applicants had their commercial driver’s licenses suspended during the previous 3-year period:

Charles E. Calhoun	Darrin G. Coffee	Jason Lennon
Mark Matthews	Christopher W. Moore	Carlton Yuille

The following applicant, Kenton D. McCullough, contributed to an accident(s) while operating a CMV.

The following 11 applicants were denied for multiple reasons:

Keith J. Berger	Matthew R. Carricaburu	Bill Castillo
Randal A. Ferguson	Scott A. Hambleton	Melvin Nelson
Luis R. Olivas	Benajmin M. Pirner	Russell T. Snorek
Blake E. Spires	Gerard R. Talbot	

The following 2 applicants did not have stable vision for the entire three-year period:

Trent C. McCain	William D. Wallace
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The following applicant, Jakob Dueck, is a Canadian citizen.

The following 2 applicants do not meet the vision standard in the better eye:

Michael S. Watson	WM C. White, Jr.
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The following 8 applicants met the current federal vision standards. Exemptions are not required for applicants who meet the current regulations for vision:

Paul Blanford	Joel C. Conrad	Dillon R. Dupont
Christopher S. Fant	Michael J. Hinkle	Byron C. Pratt
John E. Reiter	Jerry L. Vandervegt	

The following 14 applicants were denied because they will not be driving interstate, interstate commerce, or are not required to carry a DOT medical card:

Gary Bridgewater, Jr.	Robert W. Dunn	Lawrence S. Frick
William D. Hauser	Jesus Hernandez, Jr.	Steven E. Herrick
Gina M. Kiser	Travis McCoy	Roy R. Owens
William D. Robinson	Luis Romero	Jonathan A. Slatten
Raymond Stonaker	Tammy S. Whitford	

Finally, the following 2 applicants perform transportation for the federal government, state, or any political sub-division of the state.

Scott A. Lamb	Richard M. Marti
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