## Louisiana Office Of Motor Vehicles



### CDL DRIVER SELF-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

## **CDL Self-Certification**

- To meet the requirements of 49 CFR 383.71, Louisiana began capturing self certifications for all CDL driver's on January 30th, 2012. In order to ensure that the CDL driver has complied with the requirements of this law, they must submit to the Office of Motor Vehicles a self-certification, current physical examination form, and medical examiner's certificate no later than January 30, 2014. This information must be submitted:
  - Any time prior to January 30, 2014 unless
  - You are applying for one of the following drivers license transactions:
    - Applying for a CDL
    - Renewing a CDL

- Applying for a duplicate CDL
- Applying for a higher class of CDL
- Applying for a new endorsement on a CDL
- Transferring a CDL from another state

For the driver's convenience, the self-certifications and medical certifications can be submitted in the following ways:

- Submitted to any Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles location
- By fax 225-925-3901
- By email at <u>OMV\_CDL\_Medical@dps.la.gov</u>

Within ten days of receipt, the driving record will be updated to reflect the medical status for all CDL drivers selfcertifying as non-excepted interstate. The driver must notify the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles if their selfcertification status changes and ensure that the Office of Motor Vehicles has a current medical statement at all times.

## Self-Certification Categories

 CDL drivers are required to submit a selfcertification form in addition to their physical examination form and medical examiner's certificate.

The driver must self-certify as one of the following classifications:

- Interstate non-excepted: You are an Interstate non-excepted driver and must meet the Federal DOT medical card requirements.
- Interstate excepted: You are an Interstate excepted driver and do not have to meet the Federal DOT medical card requirements.
- Intrastate non-excepted: You are an Intrastate non-excepted driver and are required to meet the medical requirements for Louisiana.
- Intrastate excepted: You are an Intrastate excepted driver and do not have to meet the medical requirements for Louisiana.
- Failure to submit a self-certification form with the physical examination form and medical examiner's certificate will result in the file being rejected.

### **Definitions of Self-Certification Categories**

**Interstate Commerce is when you drive a CMV:** 

- **From one state to another state or a foreign country;**
- Between two places within a state, but during part of the trip, the CMV crosses into another state or foreign country; or
- Between two places within a state, but the cargo is part of a trip that began or will end in another state or foreign country.

Intrastate Commerce is when you drive a CMV within a state and you do not meet any of the descriptions above for Interstate Commerce. Interstate Non-excepted – Operates in interstate commerce and is both subject to and meets the requirements under 49 CFR part 391, and is required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate.

- This class applies to:
  - All Class A, B, or C privately or self-employed commercial drivers who operate or expect to operate in interstate commerce, and are subject to meet the federal medical standard and, therefore, are required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate
  - All Class A, B, or C drivers who do not fall under any other category or who have been granted a federal vision or diabetic exemption or a Skill Performance Evaluation (SPE)

Interstate Excepted – Operates in interstate commerce and does not have to meet the Federal DOT medical card requirements.

- Drivers who operate or expect to operate in interstate commerce but engage only in transportation or operations that are not required to meet all or parts of the federal qualification requirements and are, therefore, not required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate. Examples are:
  - Farm Custom Operations driver who operates a CMV controlled and operated by a person engaged in custom harvesting operations, if the CMV is used to:
    - Transport farm machinery, supplies, or both to or from a farm for custom-harvesting operations on a farm.
    - Transport custom-harvested crops to storage or market.

### **Definitions of Self-Certification Categories cont.**

- Apiarian Industries driver who operates a CMV controlled and operated by a beekeeper engaged in the seasonal transportation of bees.
- Certain farm vehicle drivers farm vehicle driver who drives an articulated (combination) CMV as defined in 390.5.
- All school bus operations
- Transportation performed by the Federal or State Government
- Occasional transportation of personal property
- Transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons
- Fire trucks and rescue vehicles
- Commercial motor vehicles designed or used to transport between 5 and 15 passengers (including driver)
- Commercial motor vehicles used primarily in the transportation of propane winter heating fuel.
- Intrastate Non-excepted Operates in intrastate commerce and who meets the physical qualifications of 49 CFR section 391 and is required to obtain a medical examiners certificate. Louisiana has chosen to adopt FMCSA regulations.

Intrastate Excepted – Operates in intrastate commerce and must meet Louisiana's physical qualifications and possess a valid medical examiner's certificate. Louisiana has a vision waiver program only.

- Drivers who operate in intrastate commerce but engage exclusively in transportation or operations that are not required to meet all or parts of the state driver qualification requirements.
- Examples of excepted Intrastate Drivers include city, municipal, or state employees commercial driver's license holders.

## Failure to Meet Self-Certification Requirements

- The Office of Motor Vehicles will generate a notice to the customer 60 days prior to the expiration of the medical on file requesting a new physical examination form and medical examiners certificate.
- Failure to meet the self certification requirements will result in the driver being marked "medically not certified" 10 days after the expiration of the medical on file. If the driver still fails to comply, in addition to being marked medically not certified the driver's CDL status will be set to "Cancelled" 60 days after the expiration of the medical on file.

#### LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & CORRECTIONS OFFICE OF MOTOR VEHICLES SUPPLEMENTAL FORM FOR CDL APPLICATION

Full Name	(last)	(first) (m	iddle)
Mailing Addr	ess		
City/State/Zip	ity/State/Zip (DL#/State issued)		
Date of Birth		SSN:	
All CDL app	plicants, answer t	he following questions:	Circle one
	1 ever held a driv /ears? If yes, list	er license in this or any other state within the the state/s?	Y / N
2) Do you h	ave a driver's lic	ense from more than one State or Jurisdiction?	Y / N
		es currently or pending suspension, revocation, e law or disqualification under 49 CFR 383.51	
4) Do you n	neet the qualifica	tion requirements of 49 CFR 391?	Y / N
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By my signature affixed below, I certify under penalty of law, that all statements on this application are true and correct.

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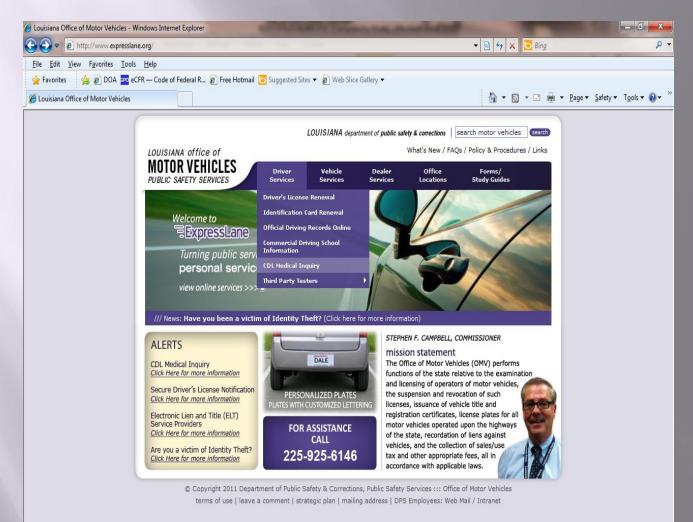
## Online Medical Certification Inquiry

- In order to assist CDL driver's and carriers, an online application has been created to allow for the verification of medical certification status for those CDL drivers who have self-certified as non-excepted interstate.
- The "CDL Medical Inquiry" application can be accessed at <u>www.expresslane.org</u>.

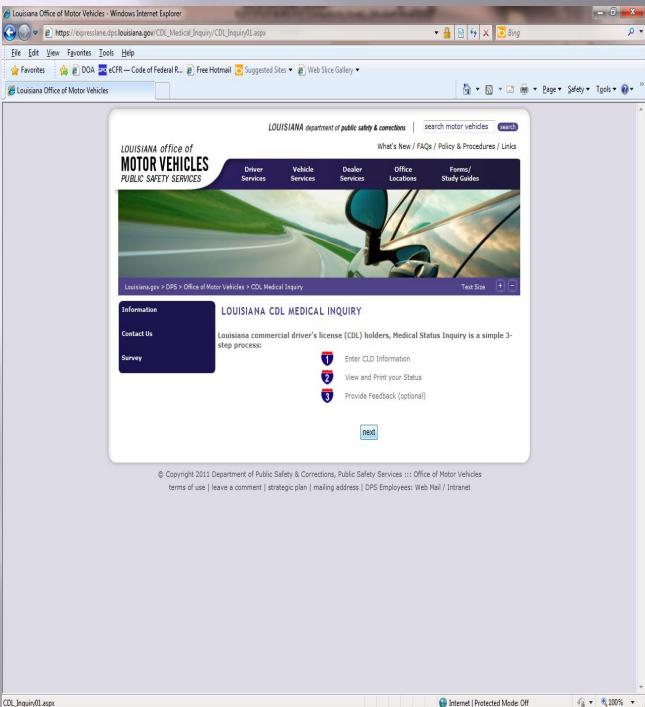
### Accessing the "CDL Medical Inquiry" application

In the address bar of an internet browser type <u>www.expresslane.org</u>. This will bring you to the Office of Motor Vehicles homepage.

From the homepage, click on the "Driver Services" tab. The "CDL Medical Inquiry" link should then be selected from the "Driver Services" menu.



Click the "Next " button to continue.

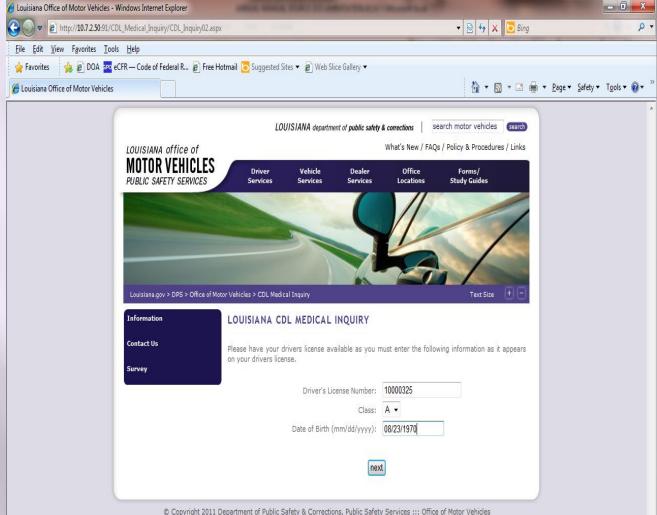


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### **Inquiring on a CDL Driver**

Enter the driver's license number, driver's license class, and date of birth for the driver.

Select the "Next" button to continue.

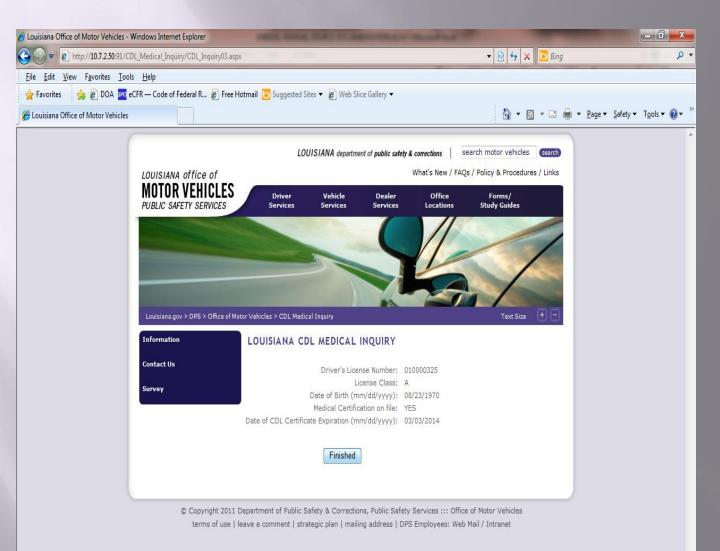


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#### **Driver's Status**

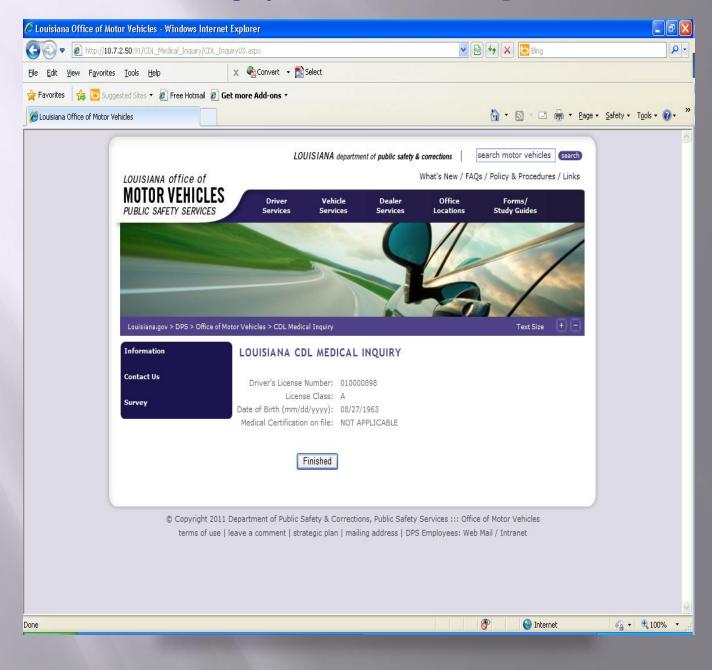
The "Medical Certification on File" indicator will be set to "Yes" if the driver has a current medical and self-certification on file.

The "Date of CDL Certificate Expiration" will indicate the expiration date of the medical on file.



### **Driver's Status**

The "Medical Certification on File" indicator will be set to "Not Applicable" if the driver does not have a current medical certification on file or the CDL driver has selfcertified as a category other than non-excepted interstate.



# National Registry of Certified Examiners

- Effective May 21, 2014, physical examination forms must be completed by healthcare professionals who have been certified by FMCSA to perform such physicals.
- CDL physical examinations submitted to OMV on or after May 21, 2014 will not be accepted if performed by a medical professionals not listed on the medical registry.
  - To access a list of certified medical professionals:
    - <u>http://nrcme.fmcsa.dot.gov</u>
    - Under the "driver & carriers" section select "LA" in the state field and select the "search button".
    - A list of certified medical professionals will be displayed.

### How your medical professional becomes certified

- Louisiana currently has 36 certified medical providers with approximately another 70 signed up to attend certification classes.
- In order to ensure Louisiana has an adequate number of medical examiners certified to perform CDL physical examinations, please share the information below with your medical professional.
- Medical providers interested in becoming certified can:
  - Visit the National Registry website at <u>http://nrcme.fmcsa.dot.gov</u>
  - Click <u>Access the National Registry System</u>
  - Click Register to Become Certified