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### NEW MEDICAL AND SELF-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSES

*-New Federal Regulations for CDLs-*

**COLUMBUS** – Beginning January 30, 2012, new federal regulations require **ALL** Commercial Driver License (CDL) holders to self-certify their type of commercial driving. This will be done at the time of issuance or renewal of the CDL. **The Ohio BMV will not begin accepting the self-certification forms until January 30, 2012.**

Failing to Self-Certify by completing the required BMV 2159 and/or submitting the required Medical Examiner's Certificate (**MECERT**) by **January 30, 2014** will cause a **cancellation** of commercial driving privileges and prevent the issuance of a CDL until compliant.

All CDL holders **MUST** Self-Certify to one of four categories:

- **Category 1**: Non-Excepted INTERSTATE (across state lines) (Driver must submit completed MECERT)
- **Category 2**: Excepted INTERSTATE (across state lines)
- **Category 3**: Non-Excepted INTRASTATE (exclusively within Ohio)
- **Category 4**: Excepted INTRASTATE (exclusively within Ohio)

This change is in reference to new federal regulations CFR 49 part 383, 384, 390 and 391. The regulations can be found online at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov), under rules and regulations.

For more information visit [www.ohiobmv.gov](http://www.ohiobmv.gov) or direct your inquiries to: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, CDL/Out of State Processing, P.O. Box 16784, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6784 or contact the Ohio BMV at 614-752-7600.

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