

summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this ICR.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2024-0216]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Renewal of an Approved Information Collection; Waiver and Exemption Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. FMCSA requests approval to renew the ICR titled "Waiver and Exemption Requirements". The ICR estimates the burden applicants incur to comply with the reporting tasks required for requesting waivers and exemptions.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received on or before February 4, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA-2024-0216 using any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC, 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

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

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the "Public Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernadette Walker, Driver and Carrier Operations Division, DOT, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; 202-385-2415; Bernadette.walker@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions

All submissions must include the Agency name and docket number. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, see the Public Participation heading below. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Public Participation and Request for Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2024-0216), indicate the specific section of this document to which your comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. 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 FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2024-0216/document>, click on this notice, click "Comment," and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

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.

Comments received after the comment closing date will be included in the docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

Privacy Act

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14

(Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edits and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

Background

In 1998, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the predecessor agency of FMCSA, adopted 49 CFR part 381 as an interim final rule (IFR), establishing procedures for applying for waivers, exemptions, and pilot programs (63 FR 67600, December 8, 1998). Section 4007 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) amended 49 U.S.C. 31315 and 31136(e) to provide authority to the Secretary of Transportation to grant waivers and exemptions from motor carrier safety regulations. Section 4007 of TEA-21 requires that the terms and conditions for all waivers and exemptions likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than what would be achieved by complying with the safety regulations. In 2004, FMCSA adopted its IFR as final at 49 CFR part 381, consistent with section 4007 of TEA-21 (69 FR 51589, August 20, 2004). The final rule also established procedures that govern how FMCSA reviews, grants, or denies requests for waivers and applications for exemptions. The final rule included requirements for publishing notice of exemption applications in the **Federal Register** to afford the public an opportunity for comment. There is no statutory requirement to publish **Federal Register** notices concerning waiver applications.

The ICR estimates the burden an individual, motor carrier, State, or State Driver's Licensing Agency (SDLA) incurs to comply with the reporting tasks required for requesting waivers and exemptions in 49 CFR part 381. The current burden estimate associated with this information collection, approved by OMB on May 23, 2022, is 97 hours. Through this ICR renewal, the Agency requests an increase in the burden hours from 97 hours to 119 hours. The increase is the result of the increase in estimated waiver and exemption applications the Agency expects to receive in the next three years.

Title: Waiver and Exemption Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0076.

Type of Request: Renewal, of a currently approved ICR.

Respondents: Individuals and motor carriers.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 447 per year.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 minutes to 2 hours.

Expiration Date: May 31, 2025.

Frequency of Response: On occasion (respondents are not required to submit request for waivers or exemptions).

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 119 hours.

Definitions: N/A.

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for the performance of FMCSA's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

The Agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2024-0027]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of final disposition; correction.

SUMMARY: FMCSA corrects its November 19, 2024, notice of final disposition granting exemptions for 11 individuals from the Agency's requirement interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV." The expiration date for the exemptions was incorrectly published as November 13, 2024. The correct expiration date is November 13, 2026.

DATES: This correction is effective December 6, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical

Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing materials in the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 19, 2024 (89 FR 91479), FMCSA published a notice of final disposition in which the Agency announced its decision to exempt 11 individuals from the requirement that interstate CMV drivers have "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV." The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to operate CMVs in interstate commerce, provided certain conditions are satisfied. The notice incorrectly indicated that the expiration date of the exemptions is November 13, 2024. Through this notice, FMCSA corrects the expiration date.

In FR Doc. 2024-26972 appearing on page 91479 in the **Federal Register** of November 19, 2024, the following correction is made:

1. On page 91479, in the third column, under the dates section, "The exemptions expire on November 13, 2024." is corrected to read "The exemptions expire on November 13, 2026."

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Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2024-0157]

Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Collection: Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education Annual Application for Designation

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

approval to renew an information collection in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection OMB 2133-0549 (Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education Annual Application for Designation) is used to determine the eligibility of certain qualified training entities to apply for CoE designation. Due to a change in the CoE program designation duration, the total responses, respondents, and burden hours for this collection have reduced since the last renewal. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerard Wall, Program Manager, 202-366-7273, Centers of Excellence, Room W23-470, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, Email: gerard.wall@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education Annual Application for Designation.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0549.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection.

Abstract: In order to implement section 3507 of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018, Public Law 115-91 (the "Act"), codified at 46 United States Code (U.S.C.) 51706 (previously designated as 46 U.S.C. 54102), MARAD developed a procedure to recommend to the Secretary the designation of eligible institutions as Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education. Pursuant to the Act, the Secretary of Transportation may designate certain eligible and qualified training entities as CoEs. Authority to administer the CoE program is delegated to MARAD in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1.93(a). The previously approved policy for collecting information is required to administer the Center of Excellence program which supports the DOT strategic goal of Economic Competitiveness, and the MARAD