



National Registry II Requirements

FOR DRIVERS

What is National Registry II (NRII)?

NRII refers to the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule that FMCSA published in 2015. This rule requires medical examiners to use specific forms for documenting the physical qualification examination and for issuing the medical certificate to qualified drivers. It updated the reporting requirements for medical examiners from every 30 days to midnight (local time) of the next calendar day following the examination. In addition, the rule requires the electronic transmission of examination results (medically qualified, medically unqualified, and voided) and additional information (e.g., corrective lenses, hearing aid, medical exemption, skill performance evaluation certificate, etc.) from examinations performed for commercial learner's permit (CLP) applicants and commercial driver's license (CDL) holders from FMCSA's National Registry to the State Driver's Licensing Agencies (SDLAs). Those SDLAs will post the information on the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) driver motor vehicle record (MVR).



When is the compliance date for NRII?

Most of the requirements have already been implemented. The requirement for medical examiners to use the Medical Examination Report Form, MCSA-5875, and Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, was effective on June 22, 2015. The requirement for medical examiners to report results of all completed commercial motor vehicle drivers' physical qualification examinations (including the results of examinations where the driver was found not to be qualified) to FMCSA through their National Registry account by midnight (local time) of the next calendar day following the examination was effective on June 22, 2018.

By June 23, 2025, the following changes will occur:

- FMCSA will electronically transmit examination results (medically qualified, medically unqualified, and voided) from examinations performed for CLP applicants and CDL holders from FMCSA's National Registry to the SDLAs.
- FMCSA will electronically transmit medical variance information (medical exemptions and SPE certificates) for CLP applicants and CDL holders from the National Registry to the SDLAs.
- SDLAs will post on the CDLIS driver MVR the driver's examination results and restriction information received electronically from FMCSA.



- Medical examiners will no longer be required to issue the original/paper Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, to CLP applicants and CDL holders.
- CLP applicants and CDL holders will no longer be required to submit a paper Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, to their SDLA.
- Motor carriers will no longer be required to verify that a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, issued to a CLP applicant or CDL holder was issued by a medical examiner on the National Registry.
- Motor carriers may no longer use the paper Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, as proof of a CLP applicant or CDL holder's medical certification. Instead, motor carriers must use the CDLIS driver MVR obtained from the current licensing State. The motor carrier must verify and document in the driver qualification file that the driver has a valid medical examiner's certificate and any required medical variances before allowing the driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

However, FMCSA will allow states to implement NRII before June 23, 2025, if they are ready to do so. When states implement NRII, medical certification information for drivers in those states will be electronically transmitted from the National Registry to the SDLA.

What driver are impacted by NRII?

CLP applicants and CDL holders.

What are some important facts for CLP applicants and CDL holders to know about NRII?

- These drivers will no longer be issued the original/paper Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, from the medical examiner unless they request a copy for their records.
- These drivers will no longer be required to submit a paper Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, to their SDLA because their physical qualification examination results (medically qualified, medically unqualified, and voided) will be electronically transmitted from FMCSA's National Registry to the SDLA and posted on the driver's record.
- Official proof of medical certification for these drivers will be the electronic results transmitted to the SDLA. Original/paper Medical Examiner's Certificates, Form MCSA-5876, from the medical examiner cannot be used as proof of medical certification by the driver.

How NRII will improve highway safety?

NRII improves the quality of driver medical certification information by replacing paper records with electronic records. FMCSA will now electronically transmit medical certification information from the National Registry to the SDLA. NRII also provides roadside inspectors and law enforcement officers with the most current medical certification information for these drivers. In addition, it eliminates the possibility of uncertified medical examiners issuing a Medical Examiner's Certificate, Form MCSA-5876, to CLP applicants and CDL holders as only certified medical examiners can report results of physical qualification examinations through the National Registry. As a result, NRII ensures drivers are medically certified to operate in interstate commerce, improving highway safety.