

agency. The FAA responded that as a federal agency we must be responsive to the public by taking action on the aircraft noise complaints we already receive, which in many cases means directing them to the appropriate airport. Others were concerned that the FAA would duplicate efforts by the Airport Sponsors who already have noise complaint systems to receive and respond to public noise complaints for their airport.

The FAA is aware of the existing airport sponsor noise complaint systems and will provide their links on the regional noise websites for the public. In addition, FAA will coordinate with ACI-NA to assist us in our coordination efforts with the airport sponsors and with other relevant aviation stakeholders ACI-NA represents to minimize any duplication in efforts between the FAA and airport sponsors regarding aircraft noise complaints or inquiries. We did not receive any comments on the cost and hour burden of the Noise Portal.

The purpose of the FAA Noise Portal is to allow the FAA to more efficiently and effectively respond to and address noise complaints or inquiries in a clear, consistent, and repeatable manner that is responsive to the public and applies the best use of FAA resources.

Currently, there is no clear FAA process or point of entry for the public to submit noise complaints and inquiries. As a result, public noise complaints and inquiries are forwarded within the FAA until the appropriate person or organization responds. This creates a delay in FAA responses to the public.

A public link to the FAA Noise Portal collection will be posted on each of the nine FAA regional websites and the FAA Headquarters Noise Ombudsman website for members of the public who want to submit an aircraft related noise complaint or inquiry to the FAA. The FAA Noise Portal includes required and optional fields for the public to complete. Once completed, the information is automatically sent to the FAA Regional Administrators Office or Noise Ombudsman who in turn assigns it to the appropriate FAA office to respond to the complaint or inquiry within a specified time frame. All incoming complaints and inquiries are automatically entered into an FAA database that can be tracked to ensure timely responses and queried for informational purposes.

The websites will also identify and provide links to other entities responsible for addressing aircraft noise related issues (e.g., airports, military, helicopters) and will contain links to pertinent aircraft noise related policy,

environmental, or community involvement documents. In addition, the websites will contain a mailing address and phone number for those members of the public who wish to mail a postal letter or use a voice prompt and recording system option to complete the required fields included in the FAA Noise Portal.

**Respondents:** Generally, any member of the public in the United States with a valid email address who believes the FAA is the appropriate entity to answer their aircraft noise complaint or inquiry.

**Frequency:** Members of the public are not limited regarding the frequency with which they can submit a complaint or inquiry to the FAA.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** Fifteen minutes to enter the complaint or inquiry into the FAA Noise Portal fields.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden:** 11,250 hours.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Renewal, Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 19, 2018. The collection involves the submission of application FAA Form 8710-4 for organizations wishing to conduct nonpassenger-carrying external-load operations for compensation or hire. The information to be collected will be used to and/or is necessary to evaluate the operators request to become or remain certified as Rotorcraft External-Load Operators.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by May 29, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to [aira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:aira_submission@omb.eop.gov), or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control Number:** 2120-0044.

**Title:** Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate Application.

**Form Numbers:** FAA Form 8710-4.

**Type of Review:** This is a renewal of an information collection.

**Background:** The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on January 19, 2018 (83 FR 2866). Application for certificate issuance or renewal of a 14 CFR part 133 Rotorcraft External Load Operator Certificate. Application for an original certificate or renewal of a certificate issued under 14 CFR part 133 is made on a form, and in a manner, prescribed by the Administrator. The FAA form 8710-4 may be obtained from an FAA Flight Standards District Office. The completed application is sent to the district office that has jurisdiction over the area in which the applicant's home base of operation is located.

**The information collected includes:** Type of application, Operators name/DBAs, telephone number, mailing address, physical address of the principal base of operations, Chief pilot/designee name, airman certificate grade and number, rotorcraft make/model

registration numbers to be used and load combinations requested.

*Respondents:* 357 active 14 CFR part 133 Certificate Holders.

*Frequency:* New applications as industry dictates, however, current 14 CFR part 133 certificate holders must renew every 24 months.

*Estimated Average Burden per Response:* Approximately 30 minutes per application.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 89.25 hours per year for 14 CFR part 133 renewals.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-5578; FMCSA-1999-5748; FMCSA-2000-7918; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2005-20027; FMCSA-2005-20560; FMCSA-2005-21254; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2007-27897; FMCSA-2007-29019; FMCSA-2009-0086; FMCSA-2009-0206; FMCSA-2011-0057; FMCSA-2011-0124; FMCSA-2011-0189; FMCSA-2013-0029; FMCSA-2014-0298; FMCSA-2014-0302; FMCSA-2014-0304; FMCSA-2015-0055; FMCSA-2015-0056]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 60 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t.,

Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and/or Room W12-140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Privacy Act:* In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 553(c), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its rulemaking process. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS), which can be reviewed at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy>.

#### II. Background

On January 26, 2018, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 60 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (83 FR 3861). The public comment period ended on February 26, 2018, and no comments were received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to driver a CMV if that person has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this preceding.

### VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 60 renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA confirms its' decision to exempt the following drivers from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41 (b)(10):

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following groups of drivers received renewed exemptions in the month of November and are discussed below:

As of November 3, 2017, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 31 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the vision requirement in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (65 FR 66286; 66 FR 13825; 68 FR 13360; 70 FR 12265; 70 FR 16887; 70 FR 2701; 70 FR 30999; 70 FR 46567; 70 FR 48797; 70 FR 61493; 72 FR 11426; 72 FR 40359; 72 FR 54971; 72 FR 62896; 74 FR 19267; 74 FR 28094; 74 FR 34074; 74 FR 43221; 74 FR 49069; 74 FR 8302; 76 FR 12216; 76 FR 32016; 76 FR 44653; 76 FR 53708; 76 FR 62143; 78 FR 18667; 78 FR 32703; 78 FR 34143; 78 FR 52602; 78 FR 77782; 78 FR 78477; 79 FR 4531; 79 FR 69985; 80 FR 12248; 80 FR 14223; 80 FR 16500; 80 FR 25768; 80 FR 29152; 80 FR 33011; 80 FR 44188; 80 FR 50917; 80 FR 53383; 80 FR 59225; 80 FR 59230; 80 FR 62161; 80 FR 8927; 81 FR 1284):

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