

Medical Examiner's Certificate Information

A Medical Examiner's Certificate is Required for Drivers to Provide Service

Minnesota Rule 8840.5900, subp. 5 states, "Before driving a special transportation service vehicle providing special transportation, a driver must have a valid medical examiner's certificate under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 391.43, which is incorporated by reference, certifying that the driver meets the requirements in subpart 1. A copy of the medical examiner's certificate must be in the driver's possession while operating a special transportation service vehicle."

Where can a driver find a medical examiner who complies with Federal regulations?

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) maintains a national registry of certified medical examiners. <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov>

Where do drivers obtain a medical examiner's certificate?

The medical examiner issues the certificate after the completion of the medical exam.

How often does a medical examiner's certificate have to be renewed?

A medical examiner's certification is valid for no more than two years. The medical examiner may decide to issue a certificate that is valid for a shorter time frame, depending on the driver's physical condition(s) and/or medical history.

Waiver of Physical Qualification

A person who is not physically qualified to drive under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 391.41, paragraph (b), clause (1), (2), (3), (10), or (11), and who is otherwise qualified to drive a motor vehicle, may drive a special transportation service vehicle if the commissioner grants a waiver to that person under Minnesota Statutes, section 221.0314, subdivisions 3, 3a, and 3b. A copy of the waiver must be given to the provider who employs the driver and must be in the driver's possession while operating a special transportation service vehicle.

How do I get a waiver?

The Medical Waiver Application Packet is available online at www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo/medicalwaivers.html or by calling the MnDOT Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations at 651-366-3700.

Can I have a temporary medical waiver during the application process?

There are no provisions for a temporary medical waiver during the application and review process.

How do I replace a lost waiver?

Contact the MnDOT Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations at 651-366-3700.

What is the cost for a waiver?

There is no cost for the waiver. Physicians or other medical examiners may assess a fee.

How long is a waiver valid?

When a Medical Waiver is granted, it will expire on the same date as the expiration date on the Medical Examiner's Certificate. It is the Medical Waiver recipient's responsibility to keep the Medical Examiner's Certificate and Medical Waiver current.

Can a waiver be revoked?

Yes. The commissioner may revoke a waiver only after the person to whom it was granted is given notice of the proposed revocation and has been allowed an opportunity for hearing under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14. Falsifying information in the waiver application, information in the renewal application, or information required by a medical evaluation, by either the applicant or special transportation service provider, is prohibited.