

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Commercial Driver License – State Waivers

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Commercial Driver License – State Waivers s.343 a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV144>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Motor Vehicles
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
4822 Madison Yards Way
PO Box 7336
Madison, WI 53707-7336

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

AGENCY CONTACT

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Wisconsin DMV offers waivers to drivers who are insulin-dependent or who do not meet [federal vision standards](#).

Please be aware that a Wisconsin State Waiver (intrastate) is not the same as a federal waiver (interstate) and cannot be used in conjunction with a Federal Medical Examiner's card.

Drivers who wish to obtain a Federal Waiver/Variance for interstate driving should contact the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration \(FMCSA\)](#) at (703) 448-3094.

When would you need a Wisconsin State Waiver?

For **diabetes**, if you:

- Are insulin-dependent
- Operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) in intrastate commerce
- Are not in an excepted industry
- Are not "grandfathered"

For **vision**, if you:

- Have less than 20/40 vision in either eye or less than 70-degree field of vision in either eye
- Operate a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV) in intrastate commerce
- Are not in an excepted industry
- Are not "grandfathered"

How to apply for a State Diabetes or Vision Waiver:

- Check your driving record.
 - If you are applying for a **diabetes waiver**, your driving record will need to be free of any moving violations or at-fault accidents *due to the diabetes* in the past 3 years to qualify for the waiver.
 - If you are applying for a **vision waiver**, your driving record will need to be free of any moving violations or at-fault accidents in the past 3 years to qualify for the waiver.
- Submit a Driving Description which includes the following information:
 - type of vehicle you intend to drive (i.e. straight truck, tractor/trailer combination, tank, etc.)
 - type of driving you intend to do (i.e. long-distance transport, local transport, etc.)
 - type of cargo you will transport
 - number of hours and miles you will drive, listed by daytime and nighttime operation
 - modifications made to the vehicle you intend to drive
- Submit your medical or vision report(s):
 - If you are applying for a **diabetes waiver**:
 - Submit 2 separate Medical Examination Report [MV3644](#) completed by 2 different healthcare professionals (MD, DO, APNP or PA-C). Examinations must be conducted within 90 days of its receipt at the DMV.
 - If you are applying for a **vision waiver**:
 - Submit a Certificate of Vision Examination by Competent Authority [MV3030V](#) based on an examination conducted within 90 days immediately prior to applying for the waiver.
- Send all documents to the DMV address listed at the bottom of this page for review.

Reminder: if you are a "grandfathered", you do not need this waiver for CMV operation. However, if you drive a school or passenger bus, you will need to get licensing approval (also called an "exception") by getting a [board review](#).

What happens after your waiver material is reviewed?

- If approved:
 - You will receive a letter approving the waiver. The waiver expiration date will appear on the letter.
 - You will need to carry a copy of the waiver letter when operating a Commercial Motor Vehicle.
 - The appropriate renewal forms will be sent to you at the time of renewal. If the completed forms are not returned within the required time period, the waiver will expire.
 - A waiver can be cancelled due to non-compliance with applicable reporting

requirements, a change in medical condition or driving history.

- If denied:
 - Information regarding your appeals options will be sent to you.

What if I am a school or passenger bus driver or want to be a school or passenger bus driver and I now have insulin-dependent diabetes or do not meet federal vision standards?

You will need to get a [board review](#). It does not matter whether you have a Wisconsin state waiver, a federal waiver, an industry exception or grandfathering, for **driving school bus**, you will need to get the special exception available only after consideration by the medical review board.

[Medical information specific to ongoing school or passenger bus drivers](#)

[BDS353 - Wisconsin State Waiver Information for CDL Drivers](#)

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