

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

CDL Federal Medical Card

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on CDL Federal Medical Card 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=DMV23>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation
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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

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

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Federal medical certificate (Fed Med card) and your Commercial Driver License (CDL) – what you need to know

Federal and state regulations require all commercial drivers to certify their tier of operation – the type of operation in which they are engaged. Based on that certification, some drivers will be required to provide a copy of their Fed Med card to the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (Wisconsin DMV).

What has not changed?

Rules concerning which drivers need a federal medical certificate ([Fed Med card](#)) with them while operating a commercial vehicle are not changing.

What has changed?

If you drive a commercial vehicle, federal regulations require you to tell DMV where you drive. DMV calls this process selecting a tier of operation. You will need to tell us whether you:

- Drive interstate (you or your load cross state lines)
- Need to carry a [Fed Med card](#)

When is this happening?

All CDL holders were required to certify their tier of operation (where they drive) by January 30, 2014. Drivers are required to certify their tier upon original (first time) issuance of a CDL, renewal, change of authority, or out-of-state transfer.

What should you do?

- [Learn more about selecting your tier of operation](#)
- If you need to change your current tier of operation or you have not yet selected a tier, you will need to appear in person at your local [DMV customer service center](#), select your tier by completing the Commercial Driver Certification: Tier of Operation form [MV3230](#) and provide your [Fed Med card](#) (if required).
- If you have a Fed Med card and are 21 or older, choose Interstate Fed Med ("Tier 1"). Tier 1 is the most flexible option; it covers you anywhere you operate - in state or out of state.
- If you are under 21 or you don't have a Fed Med card or drive intrastate (you or your load never cross state lines), you will select a different tier. Other tiers restrict where you operate and are not as flexible as Tier 1.

Online service

The [interactive driver licensing guide](#) is a helpful tool for those looking for information on commercial driving requirements. The guide will provide you with a checklist of requirements, and allow you to pre-fill any required application(s) before visiting a DMV Customer Service Center. Depending on your eligibility, you may also be able to use the guide to electronically submit your application(s) and schedule an appointment with the DMV for expedited service.

- If you are currently certified as Tier 1, use our [online application](#) to update your current Fed Med card or view and print your tier of operation.
- If you are currently certified as Tier 2, 3 or 4 you may use our [online application](#) to view and print verification of your current tier.

For Fed Med questions:

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