

## Categories for School Bus Drivers on New CDL-7 Form

Effective January 30th, all states began including the Department of Transportation (DOT) physical verification on the commercial motor vehicle report. The new mandate means that every school bus driver with a commercial driver's license (CDL) will be required to 'self-certify'. Before completing the form, review the information below to decide which category to enter on the CDL-7 form. The form can be found at this link <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/internetforms/Forms/SBT-11.pdf>.

### Which category do school bus drivers check on the new CDL-7 form?

In short, the **true "school bus driver" that holds a CDL** for that reason only will need to **certify to either Category 2 or Category 4**. They will not be required to submit a copy of their medical certificate.

**Category 1. Non-excepted Interstate.** I operate or expect to operate in interstate commerce, am both subject to and meet the qualification requirements under 49 CFR part 391, and am required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate by § 391.45. (*CDL-4, CDL-10 box 7, medical certificate is required*)

**Note:** This would apply to an individual that operates both as an **INTERSTATE** school bus driver **and also** as a commercial vehicle truck driver. For example, an individual that is a regularly employed school bus driver during the school year and/or operates another type commercial vehicle outside of being employed with the school district.

**Category 2. Excepted Interstate.** I operate or expect to operate in interstate commerce, but engage exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68 or 398.3 from all or parts of the qualification requirements of 49 CFR part 391. (*CDL-10*)

**Note:** This would apply to an individual that operates **SOLELY** as an **INTERSTATE** school bus driver. The individual does not engage in any other employment operating a commercial motor vehicle that requires a CDL.

**Category 3. Non-Excepted Intrastate.** I operate or expect to operate in intrastate commerce, and am subject to the physical qualifications of 49 CFR Part 391. (*CDL-5 part b, medical certificate is required*)

**Note:** This would apply to an individual that operates both as an **INTRASTATE** school bus driver **and also** as a commercial vehicle truck driver. For example, an individual that is a regularly employed school bus driver during the school year and/or operates another type commercial vehicle outside of being employed with the school district.

**Category 4. Excepted Intrastate.** I operate or expect to operate in intrastate commerce, and engage exclusively in transportation or operations that exempt me from meeting the medical standards of 49 CFR Part 391. (*CDL-5 part a*)

**Note:** This would apply to an individual that operates **SOLELY** as an **INTRASTATE** school bus driver. The individual does not engage in any other employment operating a commercial motor vehicle that requires a CDL.