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This letter is intended to clarify the information sent to you previously, and to give you guidance on how to comply with new federal requirements for commercial driver license (CDL) holders and applicants.

For interstate CDL drivers only (drivers who drive across state lines or transport freight that has or will cross state lines), the new requirements will apply depending on when you apply for a CDL:

- If you renew or upgrade your CDL or apply for a duplicate CDL before January 30, 2012, you do not need to comply with the new requirements at this time. (The new requirements do not take effect until January 30, 2012.)
- If you renew or upgrade your CDL or apply for a duplicate CDL on or after January 30, 2012, BEFORE YOU RENEW, you must send or deliver a copy of your completed Medical Examiner's Certificate (Medical Card) to the BMV at one of the addresses listed at the bottom of this page. (This requirement does not apply if you are an interstate driver, but excepted, see Category 2, BMV Form 2159.)

For all other CDL drivers, you are not required to do anything at this time. You can comply with the new requirements any time you renew or upgrade your CDL at any BMV deputy registrar license agency. However, if you do not renew or upgrade your CDL before January 30, 2014, you must comply with the deadline below.

January 30, 2014 deadline. All CDL drivers who have not renewed or upgraded their CDL between January 30, 2012, and January 30, 2014, will be required to submit a completed CDL Self-Certification Authorization, Form BMV 2159, to the BMV before January 30, 2014. In addition, all interstate CDL drivers who are not excepted under Category 2 will be required to submit their Medical Card before January 30, 2014. The BMV will send a reminder before January 30, 2014.

Please visit www.ohiobmv.gov for a copy of the BMV Form 2159 or, for any questions, look under General Information, "New Federal Regulations for CDL holders effective January 30, 2012." Also, you may call our dedicated toll free number (855) 240-8844 (Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) for direct CDL assistance with this matter. Please be patient with us as we are experiencing high call volumes.

At Your Service,
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"to save lives, reduce injuries and economic loss, to administer Ohio's motor vehicle laws and to preserve the safety and well being of all citizens with the most cost-effective and service-oriented methods available."