

FMCSA has been notified that some Medical Examiners (MEs) are refusing to issue Medical Examiner's Certificates (MECs) to drivers who have expired driver's licenses.

Whether or not a driver's license and/or medical certificate are expired or unexpired, the ME is authorized to issue a MEC to any driver that meets the physical qualification standards.

Waivers from certain regulations applicable to commercial motor vehicle drivers have been granted that may result in an increase of the number of expired licenses.

"The ME is only required to use the driver's license to verify the identity of the person they are examining."

"An expired license is not a reason to refuse to conduct a physical qualification examination or to not issue the qualified driver an MEC. "
