

What's Coming in 2022?

2022 should be a great year for MEs, drivers, and motor carriers. Here are the upcoming developments listed in the order I think they will occur.

New NRCME Website

Most MEs are not aware that the current NRCME website has had limited functionality and resources since the time the site was hacked. They have been working to **reestablish a fully functioning website** which is expected to be launched sometime in the **first quarter of the year**. The new site will offer increased capability and available information for the benefit of MEs and others.

NON-Insulin Treated Diabetes Evaluation Form

FMCSA is creating a form **to assist** MEs in the **evaluation of non-insulin treated diabetics** to ensure that MEs nationwide are more consistent in their driving status determinations.

2022 Medical Examiner Handbook

The 2022 Handbook is nearing the conclusion of its final internal review process. Once completed, it will be published in the Federal Register, giving the public a chance to make comments before it is officially adopted. This process takes an additional 3 to 6 months. I feel that MEs, Drivers, and Motor Carriers are going to like what they read.

5-Year Refresher Training & 10-Year Recertification

FMCSA has been working diligently on the refresher training. This will be free and online.

To recertify, a ME must be certified for 9 years and retake the certification test.

Both the refresher training and certification test will first need to be updated to agree with the 2022 Medical Examiner Handbook. **FMCSA has repeatedly informed MEs NOT TO WORRY about these requirements. MEs will be given ample time to fulfill these requirements.**