Legal waivers help keep commercial drivers on road

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SALEM — The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and Oregon DMV have taken steps to help keep the holders of commercial driver licenses (CDL) and commercial learner permits (CLP) on the road during the COVID-19 response.

DMV is continuing to provide CLP knowledge tests and first-time CDL issuances by appointment only at six offices across Oregon.

Effective immediately:

- All Oregon CDLs expiring between March 1, 2020, and June 29, 2020, now expire on June 30, 2020.
- All Oregon commercial learner permits (CLPs) expiring between March 1, 2020, and June 29, 2020, now expire on June 30, 2020.
- All Oregon CLP holders are eligible to take the CDL skills test without regard to the 14-day waiting period.
- All Oregon CDL holders and CLP holders whose medical certification expired on or after March 1, 2020, retain medical qualification until June 30, 2020, if the medical examiner certificate was issued for 90 days or more.

FMCSA waiver in Oregon:

- DMV will not cancel commercial driving privileges for expired medical examiner certificates, if the medical examiner certificate was valid on or after March 1, 2020, for a period in excess of 90 days.
- DMV will grant an additional 90-day grace period before cancelling commercial driving privileges for expiring security background checks for hazmat endorsement holders. This reflects guidance from FMCSA and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

Scheduling an appointment at DMV:

CLP holders and new applicants may schedule an appointment for a knowledge test or commercial driver license issuance by calling their local DMV office phone number, 503-299-9999 in the Portland area, or 503-945-5000 elsewhere.

Offices open for CDL appointments:

- Baker City
- Bend
- Hermiston
- Medford
- North Salem
- Southeast Portland (8710 SE Powell Blvd.)

Scheduling CDL drive tests:

To schedule a CDL drive test, you must use a private third-party CDL tester business.
How to schedule a CDL drive test: http://www.oregon.gov/odot/DMV/Pages/Driverid/3rdpartytest.aspx.

More on FMCSA waiver:

The FMCSA granted a waiver of some CDL requirements of 49 U.S. Code §31315(d).

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