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According to Section 391.51, "Each motor carrier shall maintain a driver qualification file for each driver it employs."

RECORD RETENTION

- Driver's Application for Employment (Section 391.21). **Retain until 3 years after employment with motor carrier ceases.**
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- Driver's Medical Examiner's Certificate (Section 391.43(h)). **May be removed after 3 years from execution date.**
- State agencies' responses concerning the driver's annual driving record pursuant to Section 391.25. **May be removed after 3 years from execution date.**
- Certification of Violations / Review of Driving Record (Sections 391.25 and 391.27). **May be removed after 3 years from execution date.**
- A letter granting a waiver of a physical disqualification (Section 391.49). **May be removed after 3 years from execution date.**

NOTE: Drug and alcohol forms required by Part 382 and Part 40 are NOT included in this file because they are subject to stricter recordkeeping controls under Section 382.401 and Section 40.333. Please see Section 382.401 for those requirements.

Past employers' responses concerning the driver's employment required by Section 391.23 are not included in this file because the driver's safety performance history must be maintained in a secure location with controlled access. See Section 391.53 for those requirements.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF FORMS

DRIVER QUALIFICATION RECORDS

1. DRIVER'S APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT:

(391.21) An employment application must be completed by every applicant seeking to drive a commercial motor vehicle. The application for employment shall be made on a form furnished by the motor carrier. Each application form must be completed and signed by the applicant, and must contain the information as outlined in Section 391.21. Before an application is submitted, the motor carrier shall inform the applicant that the information he/she provides may be used and the applicant's prior employers may be contacted, for the purpose of investigating the applicant's background. The form must be retained in the driver's qualification file for 3 years after the person's employment by the motor carrier ceases. (Form No. 15-F)

2. ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY INFORMATION SHEET:

This is a supplemental sheet used to obtain information from driver applicants on all employment as a commercial vehicle driver for the past 10 years. It can also be used to obtain additional past employment history for any job applicant. (Form No. 425-F)

NOTE: The regulations require a check with employers for the past three years only.

3. REQUEST FOR CHECK OF DRIVING RECORD:

(391.23)(391.25) Each motor carrier is required to investigate the driving record, for the preceding 3 years, of each driver-applicant. The appropriate agency of every state in which the driver held a motor vehicle operator's license or permit during those 3 years must be contacted. A copy of the response by each state agency showing the driver's driving record or certifying that no driving record exists for that driver, must be placed in the driver's qualification file within 30 days of the date employment begins. The responses must be retained in the file for 3 years after employment by the motor carrier ceases.

The regulations also require a motor carrier to obtain a driving record on each driver each following year. The record must be kept for 3 years. (Form No. 16-F)

NOTE: A number of states require their specific form be used in making such inquiries.

4. DRIVER'S PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT and MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

(391.45) All persons driving a commercial motor vehicle are required to obtain a physical examination at least every 24 months. The examination must be made by a qualified medical examiner and shall be recorded on the prescribed form per Section 391.43. The completed medical exam form shall be retained on file at the office of the medical examiner. A copy of the medical examiner's certificate shall be retained in the driver qualification file for 3 years from the date of execution. A copy of the certificate is given to the driver to be carried at all times. The examination form contains medical information and should be retained in a confidential manner. (Form Nos. 649-F, 657-FS-L2)

NOTE: Only the medical examiner's certificate is required to be maintained in this file.

5. RECORD AND CERTIFICATE OF ROAD TEST:

(391.31) A road test shall be given by a person who is competent to evaluate and determine whether the person who takes the test has demonstrated that he/she is capable of operating the vehicle, and the associated equipment, that the motor carrier intends to assign him/her. The person who gives the test shall rate the performance of the person who takes it at each operation or activity which is part of the test. After he/she completes the form, the person who gives the test shall sign it. The original copy of the road test is retained in the driver qualification file.

Upon successful completion of the road test the person who gave it shall complete a Certificate of Driver's Road Test. The original shall be retained in the qualification file and the duplicate or card given to the person who was examined. The information must be retained by the motor carrier for 3 years after the person's employment by them ceases. (Form No. 13-F, Card No. 6-BC)

6. CERTIFICATION OF VIOLATIONS / ANNUAL REVIEW OF DRIVING RECORD:

(391.27) At least every 12 months a motor carrier shall require each driver it employs to prepare and furnish it with a list of all violations of motor traffic laws and ordinances (other than violations involving only parking) of which the driver has been convicted or on account of which he has forfeited bond or collateral during the preceding 12 months. If the driver has not been convicted of, or forfeited bond or collateral on account of, any violation which must be listed, he/she shall so certify. The motor carrier shall retain the list or certificate or a copy of it in its files as part of the driver's qualification file.

Each motor carrier shall at least once every 12 months review the driving record of each driver it employs to determine whether that driver meets minimum requirements for safe driving or is disqualified to drive pursuant to Section 391.15. The review shall be signed and dated by the reviewer reviewing and the form placed in the driver qualification file. A company card may then be issued to the driver stating the driver's file has been

reviewed and that he/she meets the requirements of Part 391. The card may also be used in accordance with section 391.65, if applicable. The records may be removed from the driver's qualification file 3 years after date of execution. (Form No. 643-F, Card No. 7-BC)

7. DRIVER'S STATEMENT OF ON-DUTY HOURS:

(395.8(j)(2)) Motor carriers, when using a driver for the first time, shall obtain from the driver a signed statement giving the total time on duty (including all compensated work for any employer) during the immediately preceding 7 days and the time at which such driver was last relieved from duty prior to beginning work for such carrier. The signed statement must be retained for 6 months at the carrier's principal place of business. The Driver's Statement of On-Duty Hours is not a required driver qualification form, but is used for hours-of-service compliance. (Form No. 644-F)

8. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:

(383.21, 391.11(b)(5)) No person who operates a commercial motor vehicle shall at any time have more than one driver's license. The "Certification of Compliance with Driver License Requirements" form asks the driver to certify that he/she meets the single driver's license requirement. (Form No. 90-F or 90-FS-C2)

NOTE: The Certification of Compliance with Driver License Requirements form is not required for DOT compliance.

9. EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION:

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires every American employer to hire only American citizens and aliens who are authorized to work in the United States. Every employer needs to verify employment eligibility of anyone hired after November 6, 1986. The Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) must be completed. Examine documentation presented by new employees, record information about the documents on the verification form, and sign the form. The form is to be retained for 3 years or for 1 year past the end of employment of the individual, whichever is longer. (Form No. 91-F, 91-FS-C2 or 91-FS-C3)

NOTE: The Employment Eligibility Verification (Form I-9) may be maintained in a personnel file. The form is not required by DOT and therefore need not be kept in the driver qualification file.

10. POCKET CARDS:

To be completed for items 5 and 6 and given to driver. (6-BC, 7-BC)

11. MEDICAL EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE:

The Medical Examiner's Certificate needs to be carried by the driver at all times when he/she is driving. (Form No. 657-FS-L2)

12. CHECKLIST FOR QUALIFICATION OF NEW DRIVERS:

Use of this form provides a handy checklist for orderly recording of completion of documents. Complete the driver information, name, identification number, and address. Enter the dates the requests were forwarded and then completed for the driver's qualification file. The supervisor's signature completes each entry. List other company documents added. Alcohol and controlled substance program documents may be recorded, but must be retained in a separate file if this driver qualification file is not handled in a confidential manner. (Form No. 21-F)

NOTE: The Checklist for Qualification of New Drivers form is not required for DOT compliance.

13. EMPLOYEE RECORD CARD:

This is a convenient form to summarize key information about the performance of drivers and other employees with respect to accident experience, safety awards, due dates of medical examinations, etc. (Form No. 418-F)

14. FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

Fair Credit Reporting Act, (Public Law 91-508) as amended by the Consumer Reporting Act of 1996 (Title II, Subtitle D, Chapter I, of Public Law 104-208) The 16-F-A, Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure Statement, has been created to comply with new FCRA requirements. It provides a "separate" disclosure statement to all job applicants for which a consumer report (driver's record) will be requested. It also provides space for the applicant to authorize acquisition of the consumer report, another FCRA requirement. Effective 1/31/1999, written authorization on the 16-F-A is no longer mandated for drivers' records. (Form No. 16-F-A)

NOTE: The Fair Credit Reporting Act Disclosure Statement is not required for DOT compliance.