

Real Estate Services, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day public comment period on this information collection on September 27, 2024, at 89 FR 79333. There were no comments received.

**Title:** Relocation Assistance Personal Interviews for FHWA Federal and Federally Assisted Programs under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (Uniform Act).

**Background:** This program implements 42 U.S.C. 4602, concerning acquisition of real property and relocation assistance for persons displaced by FHWA Federal and federally assisted programs. It requires the provision of relocation assistance and payments to U.S. citizens and persons legally present in the United States. The information collected consists of a personal interview of affected persons to establish eligibility for relocation assistance and payments. Displacing agencies will request each person who is to be displaced by a FHWA Federal or federally assisted project to voluntarily assist the agency in determining the benefits that their household, business, farm, or non-profit organization may be eligible to receive through the personal interview to determine their needs and preferences related to the move. This information is not required from the displaced person for the agency to proceed.

**Respondents:** Any of the 56 State Departments of Transportation (52, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico), and the United States territories of American Samoa, Guam, N. Mariana Is., and the Virgin Islands of the United States (4 territories), local government agencies, persons administering projects or programs receiving financial assistance for expenditures of Federal funds on acquisition and relocation payments and required services to displaced persons that are subject to the Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (Uniform Act) for determination of Uniform Act relocation program benefit amounts, and file maintenance.

**Frequency:** The information will be collected once per displacement of a household, business, farm, or non-profit organization.

**Estimated Average Burden per Response:** 1 hour per respondent per personal interview.

**Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:** It is expected that there is an estimated total of 4,600 annual burden hours.

**Public Comments Invited:** You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FHWA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burdens; (3) ways for the FHWA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized, including the use of electronic technology, without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.48.

Issued on: December 18, 2024.

**Jazmyne Lewis,**

*Information Collection Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2024-0293]

#### Commercial Driver's License: Application for Exemption; American Public Transportation Association

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces that it has received an application for an exemption from the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), on behalf of public transit agencies and their contractor partners, to allow State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) to waive the "under-the-hood" portion of the pre-trip vehicle inspection skills test requirement for commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants seeking to operate vehicles in public transportation, including interstate commerce. FMCSA requests public comment on APTA's request for an exemption.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 27, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Number FMCSA-2024-0293 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.

- **Mail:** Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** West Building, Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. E.T., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA-2024-0293) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

**Docket:** If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting Docket Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366-9317 or (202) 366-9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

**Privacy Act:** In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its regulatory process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL-14 FDMS, which can be reviewed under the "Department Wide System of Records Notices" at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Richard Clemente, Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards, FMCSA; (202) 366-2722; [richard.clemente@dot.gov](mailto:richard.clemente@dot.gov). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations at (202) 366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

### Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2024–0293), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for your suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and put the docket number “FMCSA–2024–0293” in the “Keyword” box, and click “Search.” When the new screen appears, click on the “Comment” button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

### Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as “PROPIN” to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI

should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or via email at [brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov](mailto:brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov). At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

## II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including the applicant’s safety analyses. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely maintain a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision(s) from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reasons for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

## III. Current Regulatory Requirements

The CDL regulations at 49 CFR 383.113(a) require that applicants for a CDL possess basic pre-trip vehicle inspection skills for the vehicle class that they operate or expect to operate. Applicants must be able to identify each safety-related part on the test vehicle and explain what needs to be examined during a pre-trip vehicle inspection to ensure the safe operation of the commercial motor vehicle. Under 49 CFR 383.113(a)(1)(i), applicants must possess this skill for the engine compartment of the vehicle. This portion of the test is known as the “under-the-hood” testing component.

## IV. Applicant’s Request

APTA, on behalf of public transit agencies and their contractor partners, applied for an exemption from the

“under-the-hood” portion of the pre-trip inspection segment of the CDL skills test. The exemption would allow SDLAs to waive the engine compartment component of the pre-trip vehicle inspection skills test required under 49 CFR 383.113(a)(1)(i) for CDL applicants seeking to operate vehicles in public transportation, including interstate transportation.

According to the applicant, the public transit industry continues to experience a severe shortage of drivers and is struggling to maintain its workforce. APTA has identified the “under-the-hood” testing requirement as a significant impediment to hiring bus operators, leading to reduced transit service, missed trips, and increased costs for public transit agencies. APTA believes that the CDL “under-the-hood” test is completely unrelated to transit bus operators’ job responsibilities; creates equity concerns and serves as a deterrent to certain individuals who would otherwise thrive in this career; and is increasingly becoming obsolete with the transition to zero-emission vehicles. The applicant further adds that its members’ bus operator hiring issues are similar to those faced by the school bus industry and that FMCSA has granted similar relief allowing States to waive the “under-the-hood” test for CDL applicants intending to become school bus operators.

In support of its application, APTA submitted a research report it commissioned entitled, “Impact of CDL Under-the-Hood Testing Requirement on Public Transit Agencies’ Ability to Hire Bus Operators,” dated November 1, 2024.

A copy of APTA’s application for exemption and its research report are available for review in the docket for this notice.

## V. Request for Comments

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the APTA’s application for an exemption. All comments received before the close of business on the comment closing date indicated at the beginning of this notice will be considered and will be available for examination in the docket at the location listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable. In addition to late comments, FMCSA will also continue to file, in the public docket, relevant information that becomes available after the comment closing date. Interested

persons should continue to examine the public docket for new material.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Multiple Departmental Offices Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to comment on the proposed information collections listed below, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before February 24, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8100, Washington, DC 20220, or email at [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Spencer W. Clark by emailing [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov), calling (202) 927-5331, or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Title:* Solicitation of Proposal Information for Award of Public Contracts.

*OMB Control Number:* 1505-0081.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Description:* Treasury Bureaus and the Office of the Procurement Executive collect information when inviting firms to submit proposals for public contracts for supplies and services. The information collection is necessary for compliance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act (41 U.S.C. 251 *et seq.*), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (48 CFR Chapter 1) and applicable acquisition regulations.

*Form:* None.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,946.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 20,946.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Varies depending on proposal type and proposal requirements. Average burden estimate is 10.48 hours per submission.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 217,812.

2. *Title:* Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (CERTS).

*OMB Control Number:* 1505-0273.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Description:* On December 27, 2020, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. Division N, Title IV, Subtitle B, Section 421 of the Act provides \$2 billion for the U.S. Department of the Treasury to provide grants to eligible providers of transportation services (“Recipients”) under the Coronavirus Economic Relief for Transportation Services (“CERTS”) Program. Recipients include motorcoach companies, school bus companies, passenger vessel companies, and pilotage companies. Under Section 421 of the Act, Recipients must demonstrate significant revenue losses as a result of COVID-19, and must use grant funds for payroll costs and for other eligible operating expenses. At this point, all funds have been distributed and reporting requirements have been completed. Recipients are required to retain records for three years after funds are expended or returned to Treasury.

*Form:* None.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,460.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.  
*Estimated Total Number of Annual Responses:* 1,460.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 365.

*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to

enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services required to provide information.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

**Spencer W. Clark,**

*Treasury PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0629]

### Agency Information Collection Activity: Application for Extended Care Services

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 24, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Program-Specific information:* Rebecca Mimmall, 202-695-9434, [vhacopra@va.gov](mailto:vhacopra@va.gov).

*VA PRA information:* Maribel Aponte, 202-461-8900, [vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov](mailto:vacopaperworkreduact@va.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VHA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary