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Electronic Medical Submission

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New Information

Effective July 27, 2026, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) began accepting Medical Examination Reports (MERs) and Medical Examination Certificates (MECs) completed for commercial learner's permit (CLP) and commercial driver's license (CDL) holders electronically via the National Registry (NR) database.

Employer Testing Program participants who are also CDL holders are required to follow the electronic medical submission procedures.

Procedures

Medical Examiners listed on the National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners are required to electronically submit interstate commercial driver's MERs and MECs to DMV through the NR within 24 hours.

DMV is required to post the medical examination results on the driver's record within one business day.

Intrastate CLP/CDL holders may still provide DMV with the paper MER and MEC by mail, online, or in person.

Interstate CLP/CDL holders who wish to retain their **Interstate** CDL status are **no** longer eligible to provide paper medicals to DMV and **must** have a medical submitted to the NR.

IMPORTANT: CDL holders presenting a paper medical to be updated that cannot be validated through the NR on or after July 27, 2026, will result in a *Restriction 40/K* (CDL Intrastate Only) imposed on the driver's record. For more information on the National Registry II (NR II), which refers to the Medical Examiner's Certification Integration final rule, visit dmv.ca.gov and <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/nrilearning-center>.

Background

Federal regulations require DMV to query the NR before issuing, replacing, renewing, or upgrading a CLP or CDL. In July 2026, DMV began accepting electronic transmission of commercial medicals through the NR. The NR facilitates the electronic transmission of commercial examination results along with additional restriction, exemption, and waiver information, to state driver's licensing agencies.

References

CFR Title 49 §§383.73, 390 Part D, and 391

CCR Title 13, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2 Commercial Driver License §28.19

Vehicle Code §§12804.9(a)(1), 12527(c)(3), 13369, 13372, 15275, and 15278

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