

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES

SELF-CERTIFICATION CATEGORIES

All Class A, B, or C CDL holders and all drivers applying for a Class A, B, or C CDL, at issuance, must certify to one of the self-certification categories listed:

Category 1: Non-Excepted Interstate: Operates or expects to operate a commercial vehicle in interstate commerce (across state lines) and is subject to the requirements under 49 C.F.R. part 391.

- All Class A, B, and C drivers who do NOT fall under any of the other categories
- All Class A, B, and C drivers granted a medical variance, federal vision or diabetes exemptions, or Skill Performance Evaluation certificate (SPE) (V restriction)

Category 2: Excepted Interstate: Operates or expects to operate a commercial vehicle in interstate commerce (across state lines) but engages in operations exclusively excepted under 49 C.F.R. 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68 or 398.3.

- School bus operations
- Transportation performed by the federal government, a state, or any political subdivision of a state
- Occasional transportation of personal property by individuals not for compensation or in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise
- The transportation of human corpses or sick and injured persons
- The operation of fire trucks and rescue vehicles while involved in emergency and related operations
- A nine (9) to fifteen (15) passenger van, including the driver, weighing less than 26,001 GVWR, not for compensation
- Apiarian industries (Beekeepers)
- Either a driver of a commercial motor vehicle used primarily in the transportation of propane winter heating fuel or a driver of a motor vehicle used to respond to a pipeline emergency

Category 3: Non-Excepted Intrastate: Operates a commercial vehicle in intrastate commerce (exclusively within the State of Ohio) and subject to state driver qualification requirements.

- Ohio drivers granted a waiver for vision OR insulin-controlled diabetes by the public utilities commission
- K2/K3 Restriction

Category 4: Excepted Intrastate: Operates a commercial vehicle in intrastate commerce (exclusively within the State of Ohio) but operating exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or part of the state driver qualification requirements under Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4506.03(B)

- A farm truck
- Fire equipment for a fire department, volunteer or non-volunteer fire company, fire district, or joint fire district
- A public safety vehicle used to provide transportation or emergency medical service for ill or injured persons
- A recreational vehicle
- A commercial motor vehicle that is operated for nonbusiness purposes. "Operated for nonbusiness purposes" means that the commercial motor vehicle is not used in commerce as "commerce" is defined in 49 C.F.R. 383.5, as amended, and is not regulated by the public utilities commission pursuant to Chapter 4919., 4921., or 4923. of the R.C.
 - A motor vehicle that is designed primarily for the transportation of goods and not persons, while that motor vehicle is being used for the occasional transportation of personal property by individuals not for compensation and not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise