

# **DRIVING REQUIREMENTS**

# WHEN TO GET STARTED

Candidates successfully selected for the PSI Program will be required to obtain a Class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL-A) and maintain the CDL-A as a condition of the program and future employment. After a successful technical evaluation, and acceptable background screening process, PSI candidates must schedule a Department of Transportation Physical/Medical Examination with a Nationally Registered Certified Medical (D.O.T.) Examiner.. Typically, this takes place in the April-May timeframe. Do not wait till the last minute, it may take several weeks to get an appointment. General information can be found at http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/medical. To print the Medical Examination Report (MER) Form,, scroll down to Most Requested Pages, Click on Applications & Forms and print the current MER Form, MCSA-5875. The completed MER Form should be provided to the medical examiner who will conduct the exam. Once the examiner has determined that the driver is physically qualified, they will provide a Medical Examiner's Certificate (MEC), Form MCSA-5876 to the driver. Note that MECs have an expiration date (2 years or less) as determined by the examiner and must be renewed.

## HOW DO I LOCATE A NATIONAL REGISTERED CERTIFIED EXAMINER IN MY AREA?

Please click <a href="https://fmcsa.dot.gov/national-registry-certified-medical-examiners-search">https://fmcsa.dot.gov/national-registry-certified-medical-examiners-search</a>. UseOption 4 to search by city, state and zip code.

## IS THERE A COST FOR THE D.O.T. PHYSICAL?

Yes. The PSI candidate is responsible for the cost associated with obtaining a D.O.T. physical.

# DO I NEED TO COMPLETE THE D.O.T. PHYSICAL IF I CURRENTLY HOLD A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE?

You must ensure your Commercial Driver's License is active and up-to-date. If this is the case, locate a copy of your <u>current</u> MEC Form MCSA-5876 and make a copy of your current Commercial Driver's License and submit both pieces of information to your designated recruiter.

# DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A DRUG SCREENING AS PART OF MY D.O.T. PHYSICAL?

No; however, a urinalysis is required to rule out any underlying medical problems. You will be required at a later date to complete a pre-employment drug screen, more information will be provided at the start of the fall semester.

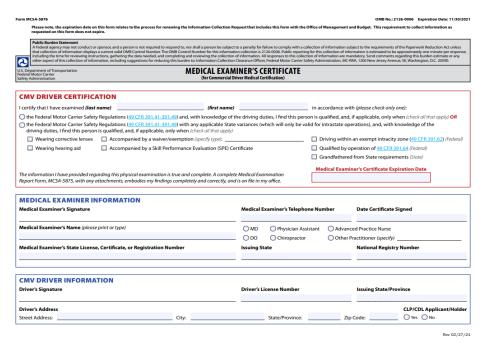
# IS THERE A DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING THE D.O.T. PHYSICAL?

Yes. Your designated recruiter will establish a deadline. Typically, the documentation is submitted prior to qualification school for the overhead lineworker or substation electrician position. You will not be permitted to attend qualification school if you have not submitted a copy of your MEC Form MCSA-5876.

## WHAT FORM DOES FIRSTENERGY REQUIRE?

The form required by FirstEnergy is located below

<u>Please Note</u>: **Do not** send the *Medical Examination Report* (*MER*) Form *MCSA-5875* for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination to your FirstEnergy recruiter. This information is confidential and should not be shared.. FirstEnergy only needs a current copy of the MEC Form MCSA-5876 document shown below in the form of mail, fax or e-mail to your designated recruiter.



# For Drivers over the Age of 21:

**Interstate Commerce** is trade, traffic, or transportation involving the crossing of a state boundary. Either the vehicle, its passengers, or cargo must cross a state boundary, or there must be the intent to cross a state boundary to be considered an interstate carrier.

## For Drivers under the Age of 21:

**Intrastate Commerce** is trade, traffic, or transportation within a single state.

For more information, visit http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/medical/driver-medical-requirements/driver-exemption-programs#sthash.KPCjm6MR.dpuf