

FMCSA National Registry Regains Additional Functionality; Certification Backlog Continues

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) recently restored the ability to search for a certified medical examiners by name, business name, city and state, and zip code, as well as the functionality that allows health care providers to become certified to conduct physical qualification examinations. Individuals interested in becoming a certified medical examiner must first complete the required training.

Once a medical examiner has completed required training, a National Registry number can be obtained by registering online at <https://sfm.fmcsa.dot.gov/nrcme/register>. A National Registry number is required to take the medical examiner certification test. Individuals who have received a National Registry number should use the testing organization information listed on the registration page to find a test location and schedule with the testing organization directly to take the certification test.

Test results will be transmitted from the testing organization to FMCSA for processing. After FMCSA verifies the passing certification test result and medical credentials, the individual will receive a certificate from FMCSA by email indicating that they are certified; will be listed on the National Registry; and may begin conducting physical qualification examinations of commercial motor vehicle drivers. The validation process is being done manually and may take a few days to complete causing delays in medical examiners receiving the certification email.

The FMCSA is currently not through the backlog of medical examiner certifications that occurred due to the National Registry being taken offline earlier this year. FMCSA is currently working on restoring the upload function of MCSA-5850 forms, reports, and resource center materials, but does not yet have a delivery date.