**Part 3 – Driver Qualification Quiz**

1. FMCSA’s physical qualifications are merely best practices for carriers who desiring safer operations. The medical issues identified by the rule may be ignored if the carrier choses to “overlook” them.
	1. True
	2. False

Answer: **(b) False** – Those physical qualifications are the minimum to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. They are not optional.

1. In general, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR’s), physical qualifications are applicable to:
	1. A privately driven truck with a GVWR of 10,000lbs not in commerce.
	2. Vehicle in commerce with a GVW or GVWR of 10,001lbs or more.
	3. Vehicle in commerce transporting Placard required hazardous materials.
	4. Both (b) & (c)

Answer: **(d)** both (b) &(c) as a privately driven vehicle not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise are not subject to the FMCSR’s. When in commerce as a business it starts at the 10,001lbs to include any vehicle requiring placarding.

1. A driver with a history of insulin dependent diabetes or vision lost in one eye, will never meet physical qualifications to operate a CMV in interstate commerce.
	1. True
	2. False

Answer: **(b) False** – FMCSA Diabetes and Vision waiver programs now exist to further consider CMV drivers with certain diabetes and vision issues which in the past would have prohibited them from interstate CMV operation.

1. A driver who does not possess a State issued Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and operates a vehicle over 10,001lbs GVWR, GVW in interstate commerce, must have a road test conducted and be issued a Road Test Certificate documenting the process.
	1. True
	2. False

Answer: **(a) True** – The commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operator that doesn’t have a CDL cannot use the CDL photocopy option as no CDL exists. They must be road tested in a vehicle of the same type the carrier intends to assign the driver. When completed they must document the testing process.

1. The DOT background investigation of a driver with previous employers is one of the most important processes. This background investigation focus is primarily on the following:
	1. Safe driving, reviewing the MVR including any driver involved accidents.
	2. Any drug and alcohol violations while employed by a motor carrier
	3. Outside interests of the applicant such as recreational interest or hobbies.
	4. Both (a) & (b)

Answer: **(d)** The DOT background investigation’s focus is on the driver’s safe operation and if they violated any drug or alcohol prohibition rules.

1. As of January 6th, 2023, all CDL drivers must have the drug and alcohol violation background investigations completed via FMCSA’s Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse (**DACH**).
	1. True
	2. False

Answer: **(a) True** – It is now required that the background investigation includes the query of the DACH. This clearinghouse now has the required 3 years of background information and satisfies the investigation query of any drug and alcohol violations.

1. The driver’s qualification file must contain the following items:
	1. Drivers’ application for employment
	2. A copy of the original driver’s motor vehicle driving record (MVR).
	3. A copy of the road test certificate or equivalent.
	4. Note related to the annual review.
	5. A copy of the Fed medical card or for CDL drivers the MVR with the medical certification on the record.
	6. All the above

Answer: **(f)** All are the basic requirements of a driver qualification record for drivers of a CMV over 10,001lbs or more in interstate commerce. The original MVR must be kept for duration of employment and 3 years after.

1. In the DQ files, for both a CDL drivers and non-cdl drivers subject to medical standards, proof of a query into FMCSA’s National Medical Examiners Registry the must be placed in the DQ file for each medical card received demonstrating that the examiner was certified.
	1. True
	2. False

Answer: **(a) True** – The examiner must be listed in the registry and an inquiry for any driver subject to a federal medical card must have been completed. A copy of the screen or note of verification should be made in the drivers DQ file.

1. The driver of a box truck with a GVWR of 16,000lbs operating for hire in interstate commerce is subject to the federal physical qualification standards. Proof of meeting those standards is completed with one of the following:
	1. An unexpired Federal Medical Card
	2. Documenting the query of the National Registry indicating examining physician is listed.
	3. Proof is maintained in the DQ file and is carried.
	4. All the above

Answer: **(d) All the above** – Non CDL drivers subject **must** carry a copy of an unexpired fed med card and the carrier must conduct the query and place proof in the DQ file.

1. An otherwise healthy CDL driver experiences a heartache, stroke, and seizure yet survives. It’s still acceptable for the carrier to honor the unexpired federal medical card that was issued months prior to the adverse health event. This is acceptable as no physical qualifications exist for cardiovascular or neurological deficiencies.
	1. True
	2. False

Answer: **(b) False** -the standards exist for these types of events which can render a driver unsafe or could incapacitate a driver while operating a CMV. Once a driver fails to meet the medical standards a NEW federal medical card must be obtained regardless of when the previous one was issued.