

## Medical Exams using the Medical Registry

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It has come to our attention that schools are receiving notices about utilizing DOT/FMCSA certified medical examiners so I wanted to make sure the facts are shared. Since the State of Nebraska requires all school bus drivers to have annual medical examinations and since Nebraska has adopted Part 391 through their annual adoption, I suspect Nebraska will follow the medical registry rules accordingly.

The medical registry final rule requires that beginning May 21, 2014; all DOT medical examinations must be completed by a medical examiner listed on the DOT medical registry website found here: <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/NRPublicUI/home.seam>.

Please note that we anticipate more certified medical examiners will be added as soon as the training and testing of these examiners is complete. Schools can search the national registry website by entering "NE" for the State to get a complete list of Nebraska-based certified medical examiners. If a school bus driver's medical certificate expires prior to May 21, 2014, a medical examiner that is not on the registry may be used; however, if a medical examination is completed on or after May 21, 2014, then they must use a medical examiner from the registry.

This is the link for the medical registry final rule: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/administration/rulemakings/final/National-Registry-of-Certified-Medical-Examiners.pdf>

If any of the schools have questions, they should contact the FMCSA Nebraska Division office at 402-437-6630 and ask to speak to an investigator for assistance.