

Summary of Revisions to NDE Rule 91 – Effective 2.5.20

Driver Qualifications & Operational Procedures for Pupil Transportation Vehicles

Rule 91 was revised to eliminate requirements for level training and medical exams for drivers of small vehicles on activities. Changes to Rule are identified by **underlined language in red text**:

003.02C Initial Training Requirements to Qualify as a Pupil Transportation Driver.

When an individual has never held a school bus permit, or has never met the requirements to qualify to drive a pupil transportation vehicle, the following requirements shall be met **for all pupil transportation drivers except drivers of small vehicles for activity trips only**:

003.02C1 Complete “Behind the Wheel” training and pre-service evaluation that is administered by a driver with a valid school bus permit or a driver who is qualified to drive a pupil transportation vehicle and holds an equal or higher vehicle qualification. Upon completion of the evaluation, the administering driver will issue a completed Pre-Service Evaluation Form (see Appendix D) and School Transportation Maneuvers Road Test Examiner’s Summary to the individual. The individual must hold a CLP Learner’s Permit for commercial vehicles before attempting to complete this training and evaluation pursuant to Sections 60-4,141 through 60-4,143 R.R.S., which is required if operating a bus on a public roadway.

003.02C2 Successfully complete a Level I Instruction Course by receiving at least the minimum score on the Level I Instructional Course Exam.

003.02C3 Pass a prescribed physical examination administered by a medical examiner who has been who has been approved by the school district, governing body or employing agency. All physical examinations are to be conducted according to the Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation Section 391.41 (49 CFR 391.41) and a record maintained as set forth in Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulation Section 391.43 (49 CFR 391.43). This physical examination is valid for up to two (2) years from the date of exam. The individual will provide the employer with a copy of the Medical Examiner’s Certificate prior to operating any pupil transportation vehicle

003.03 Responsibilities of Employers of Pupil Transportation Drivers

003.03A Each employer shall have **on file** a valid Medical Examiner’s Certificate for each driver it employs, **except drivers of small vehicles for activity trips only**. ~~on file~~. If the Medical Examiner’s Certificate is valid for less than two (2) years, the employer shall require an updated valid Certificate prior to the expiration of the previous Certificate.