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## Federal Register Description/Summary

FMCSA amended its driver physical qualification standards in 49 CFR 391.41(b) to permit individuals who do not satisfy, with the worse eye, either the existing distant visual acuity standard with corrective lenses or the field of vision standard, or both, to be qualified to operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce. Prior to the final rule, such individuals were prohibited from driving commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce unless they obtained an exemption from FMCSA. The final rule revised guidance in the Medical Advisory Criteria in Appendix A to part 391 by removing and reserving paragraph II.J. relating to vision. Additionally, the rule revised guidance in Question 3 to 49 CFR 391.41 to reflect that FMCSA’s regulations no longer absolutely prohibit individuals who do not satisfy, with the worse eye, either the existing distant visual acuity standard with corrective lenses or the field of vision standard, or both, from driving commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce.

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**Regulatory Topic:** **Driver Physical Qualification Standard for Vision**

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