

PSATS CDL Program Guidance

Exemptions for municipal vehicles and driver (to place in each municipal vehicle)

1) Municipal employees exempt from needing a Medical Card:

PennDOT's regulations at 67 Pa. Code 231.8(6) exempts regularly employed drivers of state and local governments and agencies of state and local governments from the federal regulation at 49 CFR 391.41 requiring possession of a current medical card as a condition of operating a commercial motor vehicle while operating within the state boundaries. Likewise, federal law at 49 USC 31101(2)(b) exempts municipal employees from the requirement that they possess a current medical card as a condition of operating such a vehicle when they cross state lines.

2) Municipalities exempt from interstate CDL regulations by federal law 49 USC 31101(3)(b).

3) Municipal vehicle exemption from needing a U.S. DOT number:

Township vehicles, when operating within state boundaries, are specifically exempt from needing a U.S. DOT number otherwise required by 49 CFR 390.21 per PennDOT's December 10, 2010 administrative order (# 034 A.D. 2010).

4) Municipal employee's exemption from CMV driving time limits:

PennDOT's regulations at 67 Pa. Code 231.8(15) specifically exempt State and local government drivers from having to comply with CMV driving time limits when performing the following functions:

- Roadway Maintenance
- Snow Plowing Operations
- Traffic Control Support Operations

5) Municipal exemption to use dyed diesel fuel:

The federal Internal Revenue Code at 26 USC 4041(g)(2) allows political subdivisions to use dyed (federal excise tax-free) diesel fuel for their exclusive use on public roads. Furthermore, all diesel fuel that townships purchase for their on-road use must also be low-sulfur and comply with all other federal and state requirements regarding the composition of the fuel.

6) Municipal exemption from Pa. liquid fuels taxes:

The state's Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax Act at 75 Pa.C.S. 9004(e) exempts political subdivisions and volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance associations from payment of the state tax imposed on motor fuels.