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# BULLETIN

Date: December 23, 2016

To: CASTA, CMCA, CDL Third Party Testers

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Thru: Ted Trujillo, Operations Director

Re: Colorado Specialized Occupational Driver License Residency Exemption - Reciprocity for  
Individuals Temporarily Employed in Colorado

**BL16-01**

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The Colorado Specialized Occupational Driver License Residency Exemption has recently been reviewed for compliance with C.R.S. 24-60-1106, to grant reciprocity for non-resident individuals temporarily employed in Colorado. As a result of this review it has been determined that effective January 3, 2017:

If the laws of another compact state requires the person to have a specialized driver license in order to engage in their regular trade or profession, and the person is engaging in that same profession in Colorado, no license shall be issued by Colorado so long as the out of state license to drive is valid, nor shall Colorado issue any license to drive in violation of the interstate Driver License Compact.

The exemption may apply to, but is not limited to the following:

- Commercial Driver License (All classes)
- Chauffeur's Driver License (Limousine)
- Public Chauffeur's Driver License (Taxi)
- Bus Permit (non CDL)
- Others as determined by the Department

This exemption does not apply to documents issued by non-Driver License Compact states (Georgia, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts).

Note: If the CDL holder's permanent residence is in Colorado, the Federal Regulations 49 CFR 383.71(c) and 384.212(b) apply and the CDL holder must obtain a Colorado license.

If you have any questions, please contact the Driver Control Section at 303-205-5613.