

Farm Vehicle Driver Exemptions

West Virginia State Code §17-E-1-8 Exemptions to the commercial driver's license requirements.

Farmers: Bona fide farmers or farm vehicle drivers, as defined, operating a vehicle otherwise covered by the commercial drivers license requirements, may be exempted from the provisions of this article only if the vehicle used is:

1. Driven by a farmer, or farm vehicle driver
2. Used to transport either agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm
3. Not used in the operation of a common or contract motor carrier; and
4. Used within 150 air miles of the qualifying farm

Farmers who wish to be exempted from the commercial driver's license requirements must apply to the Division of Motor Vehicles for a certificate of exemption.

If the individual or vehicle is used for purposes other than farm use, the exemption is NOT valid and the individual must have a commercial driver's license in his or her possession.

The certificate you receive is NOT a driver's license. When operating the farm vehicle, you must have the valid certificate and your driver's license with you at all times. The Farm Exemption Certificate is valid for 5 years and must be renewed before expiration. To renew the certificate, you must complete the application for farm exemption and return it to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

The West Virginia certificate of exemption for farm vehicle drivers is for use within 150 air miles of the qualifying farm.

Only vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more qualify for a Farm Vehicle Exemption.

The bottom of the form must be completed by the assessor in the county in which the farm is located.

If you have any questions, contact the DMV Driver's License Unit at (304) 926-3801.

