

# "Z" Endorsement – Effective July 1, 2015

## W.S. 31-7-109(d)(iii) will read:

Class "C" consists of any single vehicle or combination of vehicles, except motorcycles, that does <u>not</u> require a commercial driver's license. Any person under the age of eighteen (18) is prohibited from operating a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand one (26,001) pounds or more;

## W.S. 31-7-109(h)(viii) is added and will read:

"Z" authorizes the holder of a class C license under subsection (d) of this section to operate a vehicle or combination of vehicles which have a gross vehicle weight rating of thirty-nine thousand one (39,001) pounds or more. An endorsement under this paragraph shall be issued only if the driver, as required by rule and regulation of the department, has completed a written test and:

## W.S. 31-7-109(h)(viii)(A)&(B) is added and will read:

(A) Has taken a skills test; or

(B) Has submitted an affidavit of competency signed by a person currently licensed to operate a vehicle of this weight or if the person held a class A or class B license under this article prior to July 1, 2015.

#### What does this mean?

- Effective July 1, 2015, non-CDL class A & B licenses will no longer be available.
- The non-CDL class A & B licenses will remain valid for any driver that currently holds this class of license through the license expiration date.
- Upon renewal, any driver who currently holds a non-CDL class A or B license will have two
  options --
  - Downgrade to a class C license with the Z endorsement OR
  - Present a valid DOT Medical card and transfer his/her license to the equivalent class CDL.
- After July 1, 2015, if a non-CDL driver desires to operate a non-CMV with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of thirty-nine thousand one (39,001) pounds or more they will need to complete the following to receive the new "Z" endorsement
  - Apply to the Wyoming Department of Transportation, Driver Services
  - Pass a 25 question knowledge test, which includes questions related to heavy vehicle operation
  - o Submit an "Affidavit of Competency" OR
  - Pass a skills test with a Driver Services CDL Examiner.

#### Who can apply for the "Z" endorsement?

- Farmers/Ranchers (must be at least 18 years old)
- Firefighters (must be at least 18 years old)
- A driver that wishes to operate a recreational vehicle or combination of vehicles which have a gross vehicle weight rating of thirty-nine thousand one (39,001) pounds or more (must be at least 18 years old)