

Objective

Outline the policy to ensure proper licensure of operators at the University of Michigan (U-M) according to State of Michigan law.

Policy

1. In order to operate a U-M vehicle, State of Michigan and federal guidelines require that the operator possess the appropriate vehicle operator license. This is in addition to the laws pertaining to vehicle use and function that are discussed in the operator licensing policy or licensing requirements discussed in the commercial driver license policy.
2. There is a subset of U-M vehicles that require all operators to possess medical examiners certificate (DOT medical card) to operate.
3. Federal guidelines and State of Michigan law require operators of the following vehicles to possess a DOT medical card for:
 - a. If the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of the vehicle you are operating is greater than 10,000 pounds.
 - b. Or if you are towing a vehicle and the combined GVWR of both vehicles (the vehicle you are operating and the tow vehicle) is greater than 10,000 pounds.
4. If you are driving a U-M vehicle that fits the criteria outlined in item #3 a or b, you are required to have in your possession at the time of operation a current valid DOT medical card.
5. Failure to possess a current valid DOT medical card will result in fines if you are pulled over by police. Any fines assessed will be the responsibility of the operator.
6. All U-M operators may be evaluated for a DOT medical card through U-M Employee Health Services.