Who Must Comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations?

TYPE OF OPERATION	THESE FEDERAL REGULATIONS APPLY
I operate a commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle/ combination weight rating or gross vehicle/combination weight of 10,001 pounds or more **but less than 26,001 pounds,** **OR** a vehicle designed or used to transport between 9 and 15 passengers (including the driver) for direct compensation when operated beyond a 75 air mile radius, in interstate commerce.	Part 385, Safety Fitness Procedures Part 387, Financial Responsibility Part 390, General Part 391, Qualifications of Drivers Part 392, Driving of Commercial Vehicles Part 393, Parts and Accessories Part 395, Hours of Service Part 396, Inspection, Repair, Maintenance
I operate in interstate commerce a commercial motor vehicle or a combination of motor vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, inclusive of a towed unit with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds; OR has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more; **OR** is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver; **OR** is of any size and is used to transport hazardous materials which require the vehicle to be placarded.	All of the above regulations PLUS: Part 382, Controlled Substances/Alcohol Part 383, Commercial Driver's License Part 40, Drug & Alcohol Testing Programs Part 397, Transportation of Hazardous Materials (if applicable) Parts 171-180, Hazardous Materials Regulations (if applicable)

Truck and bus companies, and many companies that operate trucks and buses as part of their business, are subject to some or all of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

This brochure is intended as a guide and identifies principal regulatory areas and the types of truck and bus operations covered by each. It provides only a summary of these regulatory areas. For more detailed information, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 40, 382-398) and the Federal Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180, should be consulted. These regulations can be found at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsrhome.htm or from a number of other sources.

If you are uncertain whether your truck or bus operation is subject to these regulations, please call the FMCSA office in your state (see list on the back of this brochure).

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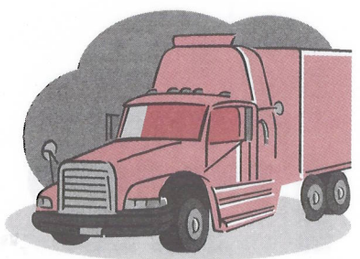
FMCSA
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



Who Needs a U.S. DOT Number?

Every commercial motor vehicle (see definition below) used in interstate commerce.

What is a Commercial Motor Vehicle?

Any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle—

(1) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight, of 10,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater; or

(2) is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or

(3) is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or

(4) Is used in transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous and transported in a quantity requiring placarding.

How Do I apply for a U.S. DOT Number?

To obtain your U.S. DOT number instantly, file on-line at www.dot.gov.

You can also request an application (MCS-150 & MCS-150A) by calling the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) at 1-800-832-5660, or by calling the FMCSA office in your respective state.

Alabama	(334) 223-7244
Alaska	(907) 271-4068
Arizona	(602) 379-6851
Arkansas	(501) 324-5050
California	(916) 930-2760
Colorado	(303) 969-6748
Connecticut	(860) 659-6700
Delaware	(302) 734-8173
D.C.	(202) 219-3553
Florida	(850) 942-9338
Georgia	(404) 562-3620
Hawaii	(808) 541-2700
Idaho	(208) 334-1842
Illinois	(217) 492-4608
Indiana	(317) 226-7474
Iowa	(515) 233-7400
Kansas	(785) 267-7288
Kentucky	(502) 223-6779
Louisiana	(225) 757-7640
Maine	(207) 622-8358
Maryland	(410) 962-2889
Massachusetts	(617) 494-2770
Michigan	(517) 377-1866
Minnesota	(651) 291-6150
Mississippi	(601) 965-4219
Missouri	(573) 636-3246
Montana	(406) 449-5304
Nebraska	(402) 437-5986
Nevada	(775) 687-5335
New Hampshire	(603) 228-3112
New Jersey	(609) 637-4222
New Mexico	(505) 346-7858
New York	(518) 431-4145
North Carolina	(919) 856-4378
North Dakota	(701) 250-4346
Ohio	(614) 280-5657
Oklahoma	(405) 605-6047
Oregon	(503) 399-5775
Pennsylvania	(717) 221-4443
Puerto Rico	(787) 766-5985
Rhode Island	(401) 431-6010
South Carolina	(803) 765-5414
South Dakota	(605) 224-8202
Tennessee	(615) 781-5781
Texas	(512) 536-5980
Utah	(801) 963-0096
Vermont	(802) 828-4480
Virginia	(804) 771-8585
Washington	(360) 753-9875
West Virginia	(304) 347-5935
Wisconsin	(608) 829-7530
Wyoming	(307) 772-2305

FMCSA Website: www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Federal Regulations: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsrhome.htm

Safety Ratings, Inspections & Accident Summary Detail: www.safersys.org

SafeStat Analysis: ai.volpe.dot.gov

How to Change the Name/Address of Your Business On-Line: diy.dot.gov

Licensing & Insurance: li-public.fmcsa.dot.gov

Hazardous Materials Transportation: http://hazmat.dot.gov

Report Safety Violations: www.1-888-dot-saft.com

SafeStat Online: http://ai.volpe.dot.gov/SafeStat/SafeStatMain.asp?PageN=results

U.S. Department of Transportation: www.dot.gov

Medical Advisory Criteria: http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/medical.htm

Do I Need FMCSA Operating Authority (MC Number)?

If you are an interstate carrier who is for-hire (not hauling your own commodity), you also need FMCSA Operating Authority if you are not hauling an exempt commodity.

To obtain operating authority, you must submit an OP-1 form as an application for a MC Number. There is a non-refundable $300 filing fee for each type of authority you request. To obtain a MC Number, go to http://diy.dot.gov or call 1-800-832-5660 to request an application be mailed or faxed to you.

In addition to the OP-1 form, you must also have your insurance company file the appropriate insurance forms for the type of authority you are requesting from FMCSA, and you must submit or have a Process Agent Service submit a BOC-3, Designation of Process Agent form.

What Commodities are Exempt?

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/pdfs/adminrule.pdf

This is the website for Administrative Ruling No. 119 which is a guide on what is or is not exempt. A list of commodities which are not exempt can also be found in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations at Section 372.115.

Hazardous Materials Registration

http://hazmat.dot.gov/register.htm