

DOES YOUR BUSINESS USE

Trucks?



How do you keep up with all of the rules?

Below are just a few things companies, drivers and vehicles need.

Company

- **BOC-3:**
You must designate a process agent in each state where you maintain an office or establish contracts.
- **DOT Number:**
Used by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation to monitor your safety record. Must be displayed on the truck.
- **Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse:**
To report drug and alcohol violations.
- **Heavy Vehicle Use Tax:**
Paid for all trucks 55,000 pounds or more using Form 2290. Payment is needed before the MVA will issue your license plates.
- **Insurance:**
Coverages vary based on what you haul, but minimum liability is \$750,000.
- **International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA):**
To pay your fuel taxes if you drive in multiple states. Trucks must have an IFTA decal.
- **International Registration Plan (IRP):**
If operating in multiple states you need an apportioned registration license plate.
- **Motor Carrier Identification Report:**
Motor carriers with DOT numbers must update their MCS-150 at least every two years.
- **Operating Authority:**
All for-hire carriers must have authority to haul freight across state lines.
- **Unified Carrier Registration:**
Needed if you travel outside Maryland.



Drivers

- **Commercial Drivers' License (CDL):**
Needed for vehicles over 26,000 lbs. Gross Vehicle Weight Rating.
- **Drug & Alcohol Testing:**
All CDL drivers need to be in a random drug/alcohol testing pool.
- **Medical Qualification:**
Drivers operating a commercial motor vehicle over 10,000 lbs. must be medically qualified a minimum of every two years or less.
- **Motor Vehicle Record:**
Companies must pull a driver's motor vehicle record every year.

Vehicles

- **Preventive Maintenance (PM):**
MD commercial vehicles must be inspected and repaired every 12 months or 25,000 miles, whichever comes first.



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