

## Important FMCSA Websites

FMCSA's official Website is linked to many related and subsidiary sites. Below are frequently asked questions and the corresponding sites:

- 1) What is the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's official Website address?  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 2) How can I locate the nearest field office?  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/about/aboutus.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/about/aboutus.htm)
- 3) Where can I obtain information about Federal safety regulations and interpretations?  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations.htm)
- 4) Where can I find information about the transportation of hazardous materials?  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/hazmat/hm-theme.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/hazmat/hm-theme.htm)
- 5) How do I obtain a US DOT number?  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 6) Where can I find statistics and analysis regarding the truck and bus industries?  
[www.ai.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.ai.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 7) How can I obtain a motor carrier's profile?  
[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 8) Where can I find carrier safety ratings, inspections, and accident summary data?  
[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 9) How do I report safety violations?  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 10) Where can I file forms and pay fees for registration, insurance, and fines?  
[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 11) How can I change the name and address of my business online?  
[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)
- 12) Where can I find the latest information about safety programs?  
[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetyprogs/saftprogs.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safetyprogs/saftprogs.htm)
- 13) How can I learn about the "Share the Road Safely" program?  
[www.sharetheroadsafely.org](http://www.sharetheroadsafely.org)
- 14) How can I obtain the latest research and analysis on truck and bus safety?  
[www.ai.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.ai.fmcsa.dot.gov)

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# Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for Private Motor Carriers of Passengers

## PMCP



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## ARE YOU A PRIVATE MOTOR CARRIER OF PASSENGERS (PMCP)?

### YOU ARE A PRIVATE MOTOR CARRIER OF PASSENGERS IF YOU DO NOT OFFER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR-HIRE, BUT YOU DO:

1. Provide interstate transportation of passengers and
2. Use a vehicle designed to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) or a vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating or a gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds.

Even if you do not operate in interstate commerce, you may still be subject to State regulations similar to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). Transportation provided directly by Federal, State or local governments, or agencies thereof, is generally exempt from these regulations.

As a private motor carrier of passengers, your operation will fall into one of two groups: business or non-business.

### BUSINESS PMCPs

Business PMCPs provide interstate transportation of passengers in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise and the transportation is not available to the public at large.

Examples of business PMCPs include companies which use buses to transport their employees, and professional musicians who use buses for concert tours.

Commercial businesses that provide passenger transportation to the general public are not business PMCPs. They are considered for-hire and are subject to additional Federal regulations.

## NON-BUSINESS PMCPs

Non-business PMCPs provide private, interstate transportation of passengers that is not in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise.

Examples of non-business PMCPs include churches, scout groups and other charitable organizations that may purchase or lease buses for the private transportation of their respective groups.

### WHAT IS REQUIRED?

As a PMCP, you must meet certain requirements of the FMCSRs depending on whether your operation is classified as business or non-business. The following chart explains the applicability of the FMCSRs to business and non-business PMCPs.

49 CFR PART:	Topic	Business	Non-Business
382	Drug & Alcohol Testing	YES***	YES***
383	Commercial Driver's License (CDL)	YES***	YES***
390	General	YES	YES
391	Qualifications of Drivers	YES	YES*
392	Driving of Motor Vehicles	YES	YES
393	Parts and Accessories	YES**	YES**
395	Hours of Service	YES	YES*
396	Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance	YES	YES*

\* Non-business PMCPs are exempt from all recordkeeping requirements of Part 391 [See Sections 391.68 and 391.69], Section 395.8(a), and Part 396 [See Sections 396.3(b) and 396.11(d)].

\*\* PMCPs may continue to operate older buses manufactured before Federal Fuel System requirements were adopted, provided the fuel system is maintained to the original manufacturer's standards.

\*\*\* Part 382 and Part 383 only apply to buses with a capacity of 16 or more passengers (including the driver) or a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO NOW?

A USDOT number is required if you are an interstate PMCP regardless of business or non-business status. No fee is assessed to obtain a USDOT number. You must complete Form MCS-150 (Motor Carrier Identification Report) to obtain a USDOT number. The form can be found on our web site at:

[www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov)

Form MCS-150 can be completed online or you can print a copy of the form to complete and mail to the address indicated. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call our toll-free number at 1-800-832-5660 to have the form mailed to you.

For assistance with FMCSRs compliance, an online guide can be found at:

[www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/eta/index.htm](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/eta/index.htm)

