

Who Needs a Motor Carrier Permit (MCP) Issued by DMV?

Any person who operates any commercial motor vehicle on the public highway is required to obtain a Motor Carrier Permit per CVC §34601(c)(1) and §34601(d).

What is a Commercial Motor Vehicle?

As it pertains to the Motor Carrier Permit Program, a commercial motor vehicle is defined as:

- any self-propelled vehicle listed in subdivisions (a), (b), (f), (g), and (k) of §34500 of the *California Vehicle Code* (CVC).
- any motor truck of two or more axles that is more than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR).
- any other motor vehicle used to transport property for compensation (for-hire).

Commercial Motor Vehicles – Exemptions and Exceptions

“Commercial motor vehicle” does not include:

- Vehicles operated by household goods carriers as defined in §5109 of the *Public Utilities Code* (PUC).
- Vehicles operated by a household goods carrier to transport used office, store, and institutional furniture and fixtures when operated under a permit issued by the PUC.
- Pickup trucks with a GVWR of less than 11,500 lbs., and unladen weight of less than 8,001 lbs., and are equipped with open box type bed not exceeding 9 ft. in length, when operated in a non-commercial use.
- Two-axle daily rental trucks with gross vehicle weight rating less than 26,001 pounds when operated in a non-commercial use.
- Utility trailers, camp trailers, or trailer coaches.
- Vehicles providing transportation of passengers only, a passenger stage corporation transporting baggage and express upon a passenger vehicle incidental to the transportation of passengers.

How Do I Obtain a Motor Carrier Permit?

Submit the following to the MCP Unit located at DMV headquarters in Sacramento, CA:

- An application for Motor Carrier Permit (DMV 706 MCP) completed and signed. The application must include a valid California Identification Number (CA#) issued by the CHP and your Employer Pull Notice requester code if you employ drivers with a commercial Class A, Class B or Class C driver license with a hazardous materials endorsement.
- A check or money order for the fees that are due.
- Acceptable proof of liability insurance coverage at the required level. **This document may be submitted by the insurance provider, or by the motor carrier.**
- Acceptable proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance coverage, or if exempt from Workers' Compensation, the exemption on the MCP application form completed and signed.

Proof of Liability Insurance (CVC §34631)

Levels of liability insurance vary from \$300,000 to \$5,000,000 (combined single limit) coverage depending on the type of activities performed. You **are required to submit** one of the following documents:

- A Certificate of Insurance (DMV 65 MCP, Rev. 02/2005), *completed by the insurance provider*
- A Surety Bond (DMV 55 MCP, Rev. 10/2003).
- A Certificate of Self Insurance (DMV 133 MCP, Rev. 08/2002) issued by the Director of Industrial Relations.

Proof of Workers' Compensation Insurance (CVC §34640)

If you employ drivers who are subject to the Workers' Compensation laws of the State of California, you **are required to submit** one of the following documents:

- A *Certificate of Insurance* (DMV 65 MCP, Rev. 02/2005), *completed by the insurance provider.*
- A *Certificate of Insurance* (SCIF 10262, SCIF 10262e, or SCIF 10265) if coverage is provided by the State Compensation Insurance Fund.
- If you self insure, a *Certificate of Consent to Self-Insure* issued by the Director of Industrial Relations which identifies the administrator of the carrier's Workers' Compensation self-insurance plan.

Mail your application to:

**Department of Motor Vehicles
Motor Carrier Services Branch - C875
P.O. Box 932370
Sacramento, CA 94232-3700**

How Long Is the Permit Valid?

The permit is normally valid for one year from the date the application is received. The department may also issue a Seasonal permit to carriers who operate for-hire. Seasonal permits are valid for at least six months but not more than eleven months.

Controlled Substance and Alcohol Testing (CSAT) (CVC §34520)

Motor carriers and drivers shall comply with CSAT testing requirements as described in Title 49 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 382, §382.101, §392.5(a)(1), and §392.5(a)(3). Motor carriers may self-certify as to enrollment on the *Motor Carrier Permit Application*.

California Identification Number (CA #)- (CVC §34507.5)

All motor carriers and motor carriers of property are required to obtain a CA# issued by the CHP. For more information regarding CA numbers contact:

**California Highway Patrol
Commercial Records Unit
P.O. Box 942898-0001
Sacramento, CA 94298-0001
(916) 375-2810**

Biennial Inspection of Terminals (BIT) Program (CVC §34501.12)

Any motor truck with 3 or more axles, truck tractors, trailers or semi-trailers used with motor trucks with 3 or more axles, trucks transporting hazmat requiring placards and truck-trailer combinations which exceed 40 ft. in length are required to be enrolled in the BIT program. Motor carriers may self-certify as to enrollment on the *Motor Carrier Permit Application*. For more information contact:

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