

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Educational and technical assistance can be obtained from the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov.

An interactive informational guide called “The Motor Carrier Safety Planner” is available on this website. Any person seeking additional assistance should contact the closest FMCSA field office.



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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 PMCP IF YOU DO NOT OFFER TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR-HIRE, BUT YOU DO:

- Provide interstate transportation of passengers and
- Use a vehicle designed to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) or a vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating or 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).

As a PMCP, 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 that use buses to transport their employees and professional musicians who use their own 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 charitable organizations that operate a bus or buses for the private transportation of their respective groups.

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

As a PMCP, you must comply with certain Federal regulatory requirements 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 & Maintenance	YES	YES*

* Non-business PMCPs are exempt from the recordkeeping requirements of Part 391 [see Sections 391.68 and 391.69], Part 395 [see Section 395.8(a)], and most of the recordkeeping requirements in Part 396, but the periodic inspection recordkeeping requirements apply.

** 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 apply to buses with a capacity of 16 or more passengers (including driver) or a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of 26,0001 pounds or more.