

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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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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Licensing and Insurance Requirements for For-Hire Motor Carriers of Passengers

PARTS 365 & 387



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PART 387

APPLICABILITY OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

For-hire motor carriers of passengers operating vehicles in interstate or foreign commerce must have at least the minimum amount of insurance required by law.

SCHEDULE OF LIMITS OF PUBLIC LIABILITY FOR FOR-HIRE CARRIERS

- Vehicle that is designed to transport **16 OR MORE PASSENGERS** (including driver):
\$5,000,000 Insurance Required
- Vehicle that is designed to transport **15 OR FEWER PASSENGERS** (including the driver):
\$1,500,000 Insurance Required

Minimum levels of financial responsibility are determined by the highest seating capacity of a vehicle within a fleet operated by an interstate for-hire motor carrier of passengers.

OPERATING AUTHORITY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A for-hire passenger carrier is a company that provides transportation of passengers for compensation.

You can be a for-hire passenger carrier regardless of whether:

- You are compensated directly or indirectly for the transportation service you provided;
- The compensation is paid or not paid by the passengers; or
- You have a non-profit status.

If you are operating a motor vehicle in interstate commerce as a for-hire motor carrier of passengers, you must obtain operating authority registration unless you operate exclusively within a commercial zone or are otherwise exempted.

EXCEPTIONS TO THESE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A motor vehicle transporting only school children and school personnel to and from school.
- A motor vehicle providing taxi cab service and having a seating capacity of fewer than 7 passengers and not operating on a regular route or between specified points.
- A motor vehicle carrying fewer than 16 people in a single daily round trip commuting to and from work.
- A motor vehicle operated by a motor carrier under contract to provide transportation of pre-primary, primary, and secondary students for extracurricular trips organized, sponsored, and paid for by a school district.

This brochure is intended to provide a general overview of the financial responsibility (insurance) requirements and the operating authority registration requirements. Please consult 49 CFR Parts 365, 372, and 387 and 49 U.S.C. Chapters 135 and 139 for specific information.

For on-line operating authority registration: go to <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration>

PASSENGER CARRIER OPERATING AUTHORITY REGISTRATION VETTING

When FMCSA receives a registration for Motor Passenger Carrier Operating Authority, the Agency conducts an in-depth investigation of the registration to determine if the registrant is fit, willing, and able to perform the involved operations and to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions. A registrant is not granted for-hire motor passenger carrier operating authority until the entire investigative process is complete.

Passenger carriers that are Federal Transit Administration Grant Recipients (Transit Benefit Operators) under 49 U.S.C. 5307, 5310, or 5311 are permitted to maintain liability insurance at the highest level required for any of the States in which they operate in lieu of the required Federal insurance level. These passenger carriers must register with FMCSA for operating authority via the Unified Registration System, but the \$300 filing fee is waived.