



Changes to FMCSA Registrations in Motus



Motus: USDOT Registration System introduces several updates to how registrations are issued, identified, and tracked. These changes are designed to improve security, provide clearer status tracking, and offer greater flexibility for the dynamic motor carrier industry.

USDOT Number and Docket Number Randomization

New Numbers: To help prevent fraud, Motus will randomize all newly issued USDOT Numbers and operating authority docket numbers. Existing USDOT and docket numbers will not change.

Changes to Operating Authority

One Docket Number per New Authority: Motus will assign one unique docket number for each newly granted authority, even if you request multiple authorities in the same application.

Individual History Tracking: Each new operating authority granted in Motus will have its own distinct history in the system, making it easier to track its specific lifecycle.



What's Staying the Same

- ▶ Existing USDOT Numbers and docket numbers will not change.
- ▶ Existing operating authorities with the same docket number will continue to be identified by that docket number.
- ▶ Motus will continue to issue docket numbers. Docket number prefixes (MC/MX/FF) will remain the same.

USDOT Number Suffixes

Motus displays suffixes at the end of new USDOT Numbers to help users identify the regulated entity type and the specific registrations granted by FMCSA.



Cargo Tank, Intermodal Equipment Provider, and Hazardous Material entities **do not** have their own specific suffixes.



Suffixes are not a vehicle marking requirement.



Who will see suffixes in Motus?

- ✓ Companies registering for the first time in Motus
- ✗ Registrants with existing USDOT Numbers

EXAMPLE

The entity below is a motor carrier that transports property in interstate commerce, a freight forwarder, and a broker.

Customer Account

USDOT #0000000(BCF) - Active

EXAMPLE

The entity below is a motor carrier that operates intrastate only.

Customer Account

USDOT #0000000(R) - Active

USDOT Number Suffixes



- B:** Broker Operating Authority
- C:** Property Carrier Operating Authority
- E:** Enterprise Operating Authority
- F:** Freight Forwarder Operating Authority
- H:** Household Goods Carrier Operating Authority
- N:** Non-North America Domiciled
- P:** Passenger Operating Authority
- R:** Intrastate Carrier
- V:** Private Carrier
- X:** MX Long-Haul
- Z:** MX Commercial Zone

Clearer Operating Authority Status

Motus provides more detailed explanations for each operating authority status. While the status names themselves haven't changed, Motus adds the specific reason behind a status.

EXAMPLE

A "Pending" application may specify reasons such as "Pending – FMCSA Review," "Pending – Process Agent (Form BOC-3) Filings" or "Pending – Financial Responsibility Filings."

The screenshot shows the Motus user interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Motus logo and a settings gear icon. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for "Account", "Registrations", "Contact FMCSA", and "Contact PHMSA". The main content area is titled "Operating Authority Information" and displays the following details:

- Legal Business Name:** FMCSA Test Registration Inc
- Operating Authority Type:** Motor Carrier of Property (Except Household Goods)
- Docket number:** MC0000000000
- Current Status:** Pending (indicated by a red "Pending" button)
- Status Reason(s):** Process Agent (Form BOC-3) Filings, Financial Responsibility Filings (highlighted with a yellow box)

Below the "Operating Authority Information" section, there are tabs for "INSURANCE DETAILS", "PROCESS AGENT (BOC-3) DETAILS", and "OPERATING AUTHORITY HISTORY". The "Existing Filings" section is currently empty, with a table header that includes: Company Name, Policy Number, Form, Insurance Filed, Minimum Insurance Required, Status, Received Date, Effective Date, and Cancellation Date.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Click [Contact FMCSA](#) at the top of the page in [Motus](#) to reach an agent via chat, email, or phone between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Eastern Time.