

Wisconsin State Patrol Motor Carrier Enforcement Investigation Unit



**Do I need a
USDOT Number?
With a few exceptions
the answer is
YES...**



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What is a USDOT number?

Companies that operate commercial vehicles transporting passengers or hauling cargo in intra or interstate commerce must be registered with the FMCSA and must have a USDOT Number. Also, commercial intrastate hazardous materials carriers that haul quantities requiring a safety permit must register for a USDOT Number. The USDOT Number serves as a unique identifier when collecting and monitoring a company's safety information acquired during audits, compliance reviews, crash investigations, and inspections.

Where does it say I have to have a USDOT Number?

The adoption of Title 49 CFR 390 as noted in Trans 327 operating CMV's registered in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Trans 327.03 (I) adopts Title 49 CFR Part 390.19. Part 390.19 requires each motor carrier that operates in commerce to obtain a USDOT number.

Most commercial motor vehicles in Wisconsin require a USDOT Number and it must be provided at the time of registration. If you are required to have a USDOT Number, and cannot produce the number for verification, your vehicle registration application will not be processed until a valid number is provided.





Who is required to have a USDOT number?

A USDOT number is required if you have:

- › Vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 10,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater; or
- › is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
- › is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, (including the driver) and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or
- › is used in transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring placarding under regulations prescribed by the Secretary under 49 CFR, subtitle B, chapter I, subchapter C.

How do I display my **USDOT Number**?

The marking must display the following information:

- › The legal name or a single trade name
- › the motor carrier identification number issued by the FMCSA, preceded by the letters “USDOT”
- › the marking must appear on both sides of the self-propelled CMV
- › letters that contrast sharply in color with the background on which the letters are placed and
- › be readily legible, during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet while the CMV is stationary



What is the difference between interstate commerce and intrastate commerce?

Interstate commerce is trade, traffic, or transportation involving the crossing of a state boundary. Either the vehicle, its passengers, or cargo must cross a state boundary, or there must be the intent to cross a state boundary to be considered an interstate carrier. Intrastate commerce is trade, traffic, or transportation within a single state.



How do I obtain a USDOT Number?

As of October 2015, you must use the Unified Registration System (URS) to obtain a USDOT number. The cost of this is \$300.

- 1) To apply online, visit FMSCA's website located at: [**www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs**](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs)
- 2) Click the **"TO GET STARTED CLICK HERE"** button located in the middle of the page.
- 3) Complete the Human Verification.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Carrier Contact Information

Commercial Trucks

Motor Carrier Registration.....	608-266-9900
CDL.....	608-264-7049
Fuel Tax.....	608-266-9900
LC Number.....	608-266-9900
Oversize/Overweight Permits.....	608-266-7320

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

USDOT Number.....	1-800-832-5660
MC Operating Authority.....	1-202-366-9805
FMCSA Safety Hotline.....	1-888-368-7238

Truck & Bus & Hazardous Materials Regulatory Questions

FMCSA Wisconsin.....	608-662-2010
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Wisconsin State Patrol

Motor Carrier Enforcement Information System MCEIS.....	608-267-9762
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Drivers & License Plates and Titles

Driver License/Records.....	608-266-2353
License Plates and Titles.....	608-266-1466

Websites

Wisconsin DOT State Patrol.....	wisconsin.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/ who-we-are/dsp/default.aspx
FMCSA.....	www.fmcsa.dot.gov
SAFER.....	www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov
DATAQs.....	http://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov

Biennial Update

USDOT Compliance Information

How Do I File My Biennial Update?

Motor carriers, hazardous material safety permit applicants/holders, and intermodal equipment providers regulated by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) must update their registration information every two years (biennial updates). Failure to comply with the biennial update requirements will result in penalties and USDOT number deactivation.

To File Your Biennial Update:

- Go to www.fmcsa.dot.gov/BiennialUpdate, sign in using the PIN provided in your warning notice from FMCSA, and complete the biennial update process.
- You may also complete the biennial update process by mail or by fax. Go to www.fmcsa.dot.gov/BiennialUpdate and request or download the MC-150 form. Complete the form and follow the provided instructions for mailing or faxing it to FMCSA.



For more information visit
www.fmcsa.dot.gov/BiennialUpdate
or call (800) 832-5660



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