

## **Intrastate OPA FAQ's**

### **Who Needs Intrastate Operating Authority?**

All for-hire motor carriers transporting property or passengers in intrastate commerce (wholly within) are required to apply for authority to operate in Missouri.

### **Why Do I Need Authority?**

The registration process promotes motor carrier safety and, because it required continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

### **Who Is Exempt from Intrastate Operating Authority Requirements?**

A complete list of exemptions can be found in Missouri Revised Statute 390.030.

### **I Have an MC Number. Do I need intrastate operating authority too?**

Yes! Your interstate operating authority does not authorize intrastate commerce within Missouri.

### **How do I get intrastate operating authority?**

To obtain intrastate operating authority, you must obtain a USDOT number, complete a MO-1 application and submit proof of insurance. An annual license fee of \$10 is required if a carrier is not required to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program. Carriers transporting passengers must also submit financial statements and a formal tariff of rates and charges. You must also have system in place to comply with safety regulations.

### **Can I file my MO-1 or renew electronically?**

Yes. To file your MO-1 electronically, go to [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

### **How do I maintain operating authority?**

Carriers authorized to transport property must obtain a yearly renewal license decal for \$10. Carriers who are required to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program do not renew intrastate authority. All authorized carriers must maintain proof of insurance (form E) on file with MCS.

Carriers authorized to transport passenger or household goods must also submit an annual financial statement.

### **How do I renew my intrastate operating authority?**

Renew your annual license decal for operating authority by logging into MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce). If you file and pay UCR fees, you are not required to renew your Intrastate Operating Authority.

### **If I lease my vehicles to a motor carrier what do I need to do?**

When the vehicle is leased, the lessee (motor carrier) is considered the operator of the vehicle. The lease should include the facts that the leased equipment is to be used solely by the lessee during the time of the lease and that the lessee controls the operation of the equipment including licensing, markings, insurance coverage, drivers,

drivers' qualifications, drivers' hours of service and all related items to the same extent as if the lessee was the actual owner of the vehicle.

The lessee must accept responsibility to the public for any injury caused in the operation of leased equipment during the time of the lease, display appropriate vehicle markings and shall maintain and operate the leased equipment in accordance with state rules and regulations. When the lease is terminated, the lessee markings must be removed or done away with and the lease removed from the vehicle.

**If I want to transport property or passengers for-hire across the state line, what do I need to do?**

You must register in the Unified Carrier Registration program and obtain Interstate Operating authority from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Contact the FMCSA toll-free at 1-800-832-5660 or register online at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov)

**What are the minimum insurance requirements to operate for-hire?**

The minimum levels of bodily injury and property damage are:

Intrastate Passenger Service

1. Twelve passenger or less capacity: \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$300,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident;
2. More than twelve passenger capacity: \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$500,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident;

Intrastate Property-Nonhazardous - \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$300,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident.

Intrastate Property-Hazardous - \$5,000,000 (this limit applies only to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more.) For purposes of determining insurance requirements under this category, "hazardous" means:

1. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8 transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons;
2. Any quantity of Class 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosives;
3. Any quantity of Class 2.3 Hazard Zone A;
4. Any quantity of Class 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A; Class 7 radioactive materials in highway route controlled quantities as defined in 49 CFR 173.455;
5. Class 2.1 and 2.2 gases in tanks with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons.

Intrastate Property-Hazardous - \$1,000,000 (this limit applies only to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more); Oil listed in 49 CFR 172.101; and hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances defined in 49 CFR 171.8 and listed in 19 CFR 181.101, but not mentioned directly above or below the hazardous listings.

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I, Hazard Zone A; Class 7 radioactive materials in highway route controlled quantities as defined in 49 CFR 173.455; and Class 2.1 and 2.2 gases in tanks with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons.

**What form must be filed for proof of insurance?**

A Form E (Bodily Injury and Property Damage Certificate Insurance) or a Form G (Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Surety Bond) must be filed for for-hire intrastate hauling. Your insurance company will make this filing for you.

**I am a private carrier hauling only my own goods in and through the state of Missouri. Do I need to register private carriage authority with your state?**

Private carriers hauling intrastate do not need to register for intrastate operating authority. Private carriers involved in interstate commerce must register under the Unified Carrier Registration program.

**How do I contact Motor Carrier Services?**

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Jefferson City, MO 65102-0893  
1-866-831-6277  
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