

Frequently Asked Questions

Missouri Intrastate Operating Authority

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 requires 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 interstate operating authority. 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 an MO-1 Application and submit proof of insurance. An annual license fee of \$10 per power unit is required if a carrier is not required to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program. Carriers transporting passengers must submit a financial statement and may also be required to submit a formal tariff of rates and charges.

If you have an account with MCS, you can file an MO-1 Application electronically through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. If you are a new carrier you may fill out the Motor Carrier Application located on the MCS webpage at www.modot.org/mcs.

How do I maintain operating authority?

Authorized carriers who do not participate in UCR must obtain a yearly renewal license decal for all power units at a cost of \$10 per decal.

If you have an account with MCS, you can renew your annual license decal(s) through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce.

All authorized carriers must maintain proof of insurance (Form E) on file with MCS.

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

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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 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.

What are the minimum insurance requirements to operate for-hire within Missouri? 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). For purposes of determining insurance requirements under this category, "hazardous" means:

1. Oil listed in 49 CFR 172.101;
2. 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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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, however, private carriers involved in interstate commerce must register under the Unified Carrier Registration program