

New Intrastate DOT Number Requirements for Commercial Motor Vehicles

Important information for intrastate commercial motor vehicle owners

What has changed?

Washington State law now requires commercial motor vehicles to have an intrastate DOT number. The number will be used to track the owner and the vehicle's safety fitness rating. Owners of any vehicle that meets the definition of a commercial motor vehicle must register through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

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www.fmcsa.dot.gov/online-registration

What is the definition of a commercial motor vehicle?

Any motor vehicle or combination of vehicles used in intrastate commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle meets any of the requirements listed.

When is an intrastate DOT number required?

By June 30, 2009, or June 30, 2012, owners of intrastate commercial motor vehicles are required to have and display their DOT number on their vehicle. On the effective dates shown, the Department of Licensing will begin to require DOT numbers to register vehicles.

Are farmers required to receive an intrastate DOT number?

Yes. Motor vehicles owned and operated by farmers in the intrastate transportation of their own farm, orchard, or dairy products, including livestock and plant or animal waste, from point of production to market or disposal are required to get an intrastate DOT number. However, they are exempt from safety audits and compliance reviews.

Vehicles that will require a DOT number by June 30, 2009:

Commercial motor vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more.



A combination of commercial motor vehicles with a GVWR of 26,001 lbs. or more inclusive of a towed unit with a GVWR of more than 10,000 lbs.



A commercial motor vehicle of any size used in the transportation of hazardous material.



Commercial motor vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver.



A private school bus regardless of weight or size.



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Vehicles that will require a DOT number by June 30, 2012:

Commercial motor vehicles with a GVWR of 16,001 lbs. or more.



A combination of commercial motor vehicles with a GVWR of 16,001 lbs. or more inclusive of a towed unit.



What is a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)?

For a single vehicle, it is the value specified by the vehicle manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of the vehicle.

For a combination of vehicles, it is the value specified by the vehicle manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of the towing unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units.

Finding Your Vehicle's GVWR

Where is the GVWR found?

The GVWR can be found in several places:

- A label on the inside frame of the driver's door
- In the engine compartment
- In the owner's manual or sales brochure

For trailers, you may find a label towards the front of the trailer on the left side.

MFD. BY: _____
DATE OF MFR: MO _____ YR _____
INC. VEH. MFD. BY: _____
DATE OF INC. VEH. MFR: _____
MO _____ YR _____
GVWR: _____
KG (_____ LB)
GAWR-FRONT: _____
KG (_____ LB)
WITH _____ TIRES,
RIMS, @ _____ KPA,
(_____ PSI) COLD
GAWR-REAR: _____
KG (_____ LB)
WITH _____ TIRES,
RIMS, @ _____ KPA,
(_____ PSI) COLD
THIS VEHICLE CONFORMS TO ALL
APPLICABLE U.S.A. FEDERAL MOTOR
VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS IN EFFECT IN:
MO _____ YR _____
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: _____
VEHICLE TYPE: _____

What if I cannot find my GVWR?

If you are unable to locate your GVWR, contact the Washington State Patrol at (360) 596-3800.

How do I apply for a DOT number?

Apply Online

To learn more and apply online visit one of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration websites:

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/online-registration

www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov

For assistance with website registration, call (360) 596-3816 or (360) 596-3803.

Register By Mail

To register through the mail, download the MCS-150 form from a web site above or call (360) 596-3810.

Vehicle Licensing

For vehicle titling and registration questions contact (360) 902-3770, option 5.

