



## LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



### PROCEDURE AND RELATED INFORMATION FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION (Other than transfer or lease of existing rights)

#### **GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR CHARTER BUS TRANSPORTATION**

The following rules will apply pursuant to the Commission's General Order dated April 20, 1999 regarding the Guidelines and Procedures for Charter Bus Transportation. This order contains the following definition of "Charter Bus":

"Charter Bus is a passenger carrier with a seating capacity of 16 or more and is engaged or hired by a particular organization or group of persons for their exclusive use for a specific purpose or journey, or during a specific period of time. This definition does not include regular route buses."

All intrastate passenger carriers performing Charter Bus Transportation as defined in the LPSC General Order of April 20, 1999 are required to register on a form prescribed by the Commission and file proof of insurance (Form E) with the minimum limits of \$250,000/\$500,000/\$10,000 pursuant to R.S. 45: 163 (D).

#### **INSURANCE**

Insurance companies qualified to do business in Louisiana must file proof of insurance (Form E) with the minimum limits of \$250,000/\$500,000/\$10,000. Insurance filings required prior to the issuance of a Louisiana Intrastate Registration/Insurance Receipt must be maintained. Any lapse of insurance coverage will cause the carrier to be directed to cease operations in Louisiana, cited for failure to maintain the required insurance on file and possible revocation of their registration.

#### **OWNER/OPERATOR LEASES**

Any utilization of owner/operators by a registered Charter Bus Transportation carrier will require the carrier place on file, prior to transportation and for duration of the lease period, a statement that owner/operators vehicle(s) is covered by and operating under the carrier's insurance. This statement must contain the owner/operator's name, address and description of covered vehicles. A copy of the carriers registration/insurance receipt must be carried in the vehicle. If the carrier so chooses, he may file a copy of the carrier/lessor lease agreement in lieu of the required statement.

#### **INITIAL NEW CARRIER REGISTRATION**

All new entrants into the Charter Bus transportation business must register using enclosed application and file proof of insurance as outlined above prior to commencing operation. Application may be mailed to: Louisiana Public Service Commission; PO BOX 91154; Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Upon receipt of the carrier's registration application and proof of insurance filing, the Commission will issue a registration/insurance receipt, which authorizes the carrier to commence operations. A copy of the receipt must be carried on board all vehicles, including leased vehicles, being operated in intrastate commerce.

Carriers shall be required to carry a copy of the current registration/insurance receipt on board at all times for presentation to law enforcement officials upon demand. Failure to comply with this requirement shall subject the carrier to possible citation and/or fines and any other enforcement procedures provided by law.

#### **RENEWALS**

Louisiana Intrastate Registration/Insurance Receipt must be renewed annually by filing an application and paying the required \$10.00 per vehicle fee. However, if a carrier also holds interstate operating authority from the ICC/FMCSA and has registered that authority with its base state under the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), then the UCR registration receipt will be accepted as payment in lieu of the \$10 Registration/Insurance renewal fee. The carrier will still be required

to register as a Charter Bus Transportation carrier by filing an application, copy of UCR receipt and insurance (Form E) but will not be required to pay the \$10.00 per vehicle fee again if it was paid under the UCR program.

Carriers not in full compliance with registration and current insurance filings are subject to involuntary suspension of operations, cancellation of filings, penalties, and/or impoundment of vehicles.

### **SUSPENSION RIGHTS**

If a carrier's business will be dormant for a short period of time, they may request a suspension of authority in writing. The letter must be notarized and give detail as to why the business is dormant, before the Commission will consider granting such a request.

### **ANNUAL REPORTS**

All intrastate carriers subjected to regulation by the Louisiana Public Service Commission through its Transportation Enforcement Division are **REQUIRED** to file Annual Reports with the division as stated in the Commission's General Order No. 2, dated July 1, 1921.

If you have not received the ANNUAL REPORT FORM by February 15, you may contact the Transportation Division at (888) 342-5717 or (225) 342-4414 OR visit the Commission's website ([www.lpsc.org](http://www.lpsc.org) INDUSTRY INFO; MOTOR CARRIER; ANNUAL REPORTS) to download a copy. **IT IS THE CARRIER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN THE ANNUAL REPORT FORM EACH YEAR AND TO FILE IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

The report must be received in this office on or before **April 30** of each year for those filing on a calendar year basis and **one hundred twenty (120) days after** the fiscal year has ended for those filing on a fiscal year basis as required by General Order 2 dated July 21, 1921 and General Order dated April 23, 2001. Carriers wishing to file on a fiscal year basis must notify the commission of its status in writing upon being granted authority. Carriers who file after the April 30<sup>th</sup> due date (or the 120-day date for \*fiscal carriers) are subject to a \$500.00 Late Filing Fee and a Citation Fee of \$25.00 will be added to the \$500 Late Fee if the carrier is cited. It is the carrier's responsibility **to be able to prove the report was mailed prior to the due date. Use a certificate of mailing or certified mail receipt (Green Card) and KEEP YOUR RECEIPT along with a copy of the annual report for your records** An **Extension** may be requested in writing prior to the April 30 deadline. You will be notified if your request was accepted or denied.

#### **\*FISCAL CALENDAR EXAMPLES:**

Smith Trucking wishes to change from a calendar year basis to a fiscal year basis beginning June 1, XX (any year). The LPSC will need the following:

1. A Notarized Letter from company CEO, Manager, or Board stating the accounting change and the effective date. (i.e. "Smith Trucking is changing to a fiscal calendar with fiscal year beginning June 1.")
2. The Annual Report for the period of change needs to reflect a continuous annual reporting. (i.e. If the new fiscal calendar begins June 1, 2007, then the Commission will need financial data (annual reporting) for the period January 1, 2007 through May 31, 2007. This insures a continuous flow of reporting for all months of a given year, even the year in which the change occurred.

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**LOUISIANA INTRASTATE REGISTRATION OF CHARTER BUS SERVICE OF 16 PASSENGERS OR MORE**

Original Application: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>			
<b>Legal Name -</b>		DBA (Doing Business As) Name:	
E-Mail Address	Phone Number	Fax Number	
Physical Address			
Physical City	Physical State	Physical Zip Code	
Mailing Address			
Mailing City	Mailing State	Mailing Zip Code	
<b>COMPANY TAX REPORTING YEAR (Select One)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Company's Tax reporting year is on a CALENDAR basis reporting January 01 to December 31 each year.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Company's Tax reporting year is on a FISCAL basis reporting from _____ to _____ each year. <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">Month/Day                      Month/Day</div>			
<b>FORM OF BUSINESS (Select One)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATION - (Inc., LLC, LTD etc) _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP – Identify Partners _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP – Name of Individual _____			
<b>REPRESENTATIVE: Person to whom inquiries may be made (applicant or legal representative)</b>			
Name:		Title:	
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
<b>INSURANCE: (Name of Insurance Company) -</b>			
<b>VEHICLE REGISTRATION INFORMATION</b>			
NUMBER OF VEHICLES OPERATED: -		TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: (\$10.00 PER VEHICLE) -	
<p>The applicant acknowledges and agrees that a proof of insurance (Form E) filing is required to be filed with the commission prior to the Commission issuing a Registration /Insurance receipt authorizing the carrier to commence intrastate for-hire operations. (Carriers are required to carry a copy of the Registration/Insurance receipt on board the vehicle at all time.)</p>			
_____ Signature		_____ Title	_____ Date
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