



Louisiana Public Service Commission

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Transportation Division: (888) 342-5717

TO: ALL LOUISIANA MOTOR CARRIERS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Please note the following information relative to the regulation of household goods services by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Submit the attached application for common carrier authority along with the proper fees and required documents as outlined in the Applications - Process section.

If you have any questions you may call our office at (888) 342-5717 or (225) 342-4439.

PROCEDURE AND RELATED INFORMATION FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A COMMON CARRIER CERTIFICATE FOR HOUSEHOLD GOODS

(Other than transfer or lease of existing rights)

Pursuant to R.S. 45: 164 (E) no motor carrier shall operate as a common carrier of household goods without having first obtained from the commission a certificate, which shall be issued only after a written application is made and filed.

“Operating Certificate” means a certificate issued to transporters of **household goods** by motor vehicle under R.S. 45:161 through R.S. 45:172.

APPLICATIONS - PROCESS

Application must be filed in the Commission ' s office, Galvez Building, 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. (Mailing address is P.O. Box 91154, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-9154.) The application must be completed, signed and notarized.

The original application should be accompanied by:

- (A) A letter from an insurance company (or agent) authorized to do business in Louisiana, stating such company will write the required insurance coverage in the event application is granted;
- (B) Filing fee must be remitted in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or a money order:

Application for a certificate
authorizing transportation as
a common carrier \$200.00

THE COMMISSION RETAINS FEE WHETHER THE APPLICATION IS GRANTED OR NOT. NON-COMPLIANCE WILL ALSO RESULT IN LOSS OF FILING FEES.

- (C) If applicant is a corporation, majority stock ownership must be shown either by separate statement (only one is required), or in application which must also contain the state where incorporated, date of incorporation, Federal EIN, and a list of the full legal names of the President and Secretary of said corporation as described in La. R.S. 12:82A;
- (D) Applicants domiciled out-of-state must show principal location or locations in Louisiana from which operations will be conducted. If application is granted, such carriers must furnish designation of agent for service of process in Louisiana.

FILINGS REQUIRED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OR PERMITS

If application is approved, a letter of compliance will be sent to the petitioner advising of filings required prior to issuance of the certificate. This letter, in itself, does not authorize commencement of operations but merely authorizes issuance of the required authority, conditioned upon petitioner making certain filings.

Required filings:

- Petitioner must file a current Tariff
- Complete registration and purchase an identification stamp for each vehicle or combination of vehicles in his fleet **prior** to operation.
- Form E, Bodily Injury and Property Damage filed by the insurance company, Form H Motor Truck Cargo Certificate of Insurance, Surety Bond and Workman's Compensation on an Accord Certificate (As described in "General Information" below)

Upon completion of these requirements, the authorized certificate will be issued and forwarded to the petitioner.

The filings so required must be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the compliance letter.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(1) INSURANCE

Pursuant to R.S. 45: 163 (D) and R.S. 164 (E) the commission shall require the following policies of insurance:

Public liability and property damage insurance on trucks operated by common carriers and/or passenger buses, providing coverage of (\$250,000.00) TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS for injury or death to any one person not to exceed (\$500,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS per occurrence, and (\$10,000.00) TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS property damage; (\$510,000.00) FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND single/combined

Motor truck cargo carriers insurance of at least (\$50,000.00) FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS per truck and (\$100,000.00) ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS per catastrophe

Shall provide proof of workers' compensation insurance

Shall file a surety bond by a qualified surety company in the amount of (\$5,000.00) FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

These insurance policies shall be written by companies qualified to do business in this state.

The required proof of insurance shall be the filing of a Form E, Bodily Injury and Property Damage Certificate of Insurance, FORM H Motor Truck Cargo Certificate of Insurance and Workman's Compensation on an Accord Certificate by the insurance company, which must be received prior to registration. The name and address on the Form E & H and the name and address on the application for authority must match exactly.

(2) RATES, FARES AND CHARGES

Common Carriers: The common carrier operates under tariffs filed with and approved by the Commission, which shows the services to be rendered and the basis for computation of rates. After the carrier's initial filing prior to commencement of operations, all changes must be effected through tariff publications approved by the Commission. Generally proposed the staff can handle reductions or insignificant changes informally, but significant increases require approval by the Commission. These increases usually require formal handling; publication in the Commission's Bulletin, and public hearing by the Commission at which time persons affected by the proposed increases may appear in opposition to the granting of the increase. In some instances the Commission has prescribed the rates to be charged by all motor carriers engaged in performing certain types of services including transportation of Household Goods. In such instances charges are published in an agency tariff and the carrier performing any of the services must either participate in the agency tariff or file its own tariff with provisions in accord with the prescribed tariff.

Tariff should contain the following information:

- Complete name and address of company
- Specific information for rates charged
- Indicate times when charges begin and end
- If rates are based on mileage, the official Louisiana highway map must be used. (This can be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Tourism www.crt.state.la.us/tourism)

(3) MERGER OF DUPLICATE OPERATING RIGHTS

“No motor carrier shall be permitted to hold more than one certificate granting the same authority in the same territory or over the same route. When a motor carrier holding operating authority acquires by purchase or lease another similar authority, the two shall be merged into one and both authorities reissued to the carrier as one. Should a certificate holder acquire additional rights which overlap the rights already held by him to some extent, that portion of the rights which overlap his original rights shall be merged into the original grant of authority.”

(4) 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.

(5) 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 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 30th 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.

(6) OWNER/OPERATOR LEASES

Any utilization of owner/operators by a certificated common 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. The lease must be in writing, properly executed in quadruplicate. One copy is to be held by lessor, one by lessee, one must be immediately filed with the Commission (along with a filing fee of \$10.00 per vehicle), and one carried in the vehicle.

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION APPLICATION

COMPANY INFORMATION

SECTION 1

TO THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION:

The petition of _____
with respect represents:

That the petitioner applies to and desires to secure from the Louisiana Public Service Commission a Common Carrier Certificate authorizing petitioner to operate as a **COMMON CARRIER OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS**.

THE PETITIONER'S FULL AND CORRECT LEGAL NAME

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

FAX NUMBER

EMAIL

IF CORPORATION OR OTHER NON-PERSON ENTITY (ex. LLC, LTD):

NAME OF CORPORATION OR NON-PERSON ENTITY

MAJORITY STOCK HOLDER

STATE OF INCORPORATION

DATE INCORPORATED

FEDERAL EIN

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

EQUIPMENT

SECTION 2

Petitioner proposes to commence operations with the following equipment: (PLEASE PRINT MAKE, TYPE, AND NUMBER OF UNITS PROPOSED TO BE OPERATED.) If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

Petitioner agrees to comply with all provisions of the law and the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Public Service Commission respecting the operation of public service motor vehicles and to file such evidence of insurance or bonds as may be required by law and by the rules and regulations of the said Louisiana Public Service Commission prior to commencement of operations.

VERIFICATION

SECTION 3

State of _____ County/Parish of _____

_____, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is petitioner (or one of the petitioners) in the above application; that he has read same and is familiar with the contents thereof and that facts as stated therein are true and correct, except as to matters and things, if any, stated on information and belief and as to those matters and things he believes them to be true.

(Petitioner's Signature)

(Title)

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me by the affiant above named this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public

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Staff Approved

Date