Notice to Massachusetts Motor Carriers
Intrastate USDOT Number Requirement
Effective September 1, 2018

You have been identified as an intrastate motor carrier by the Massachusetts State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section. Please be aware that as of September 1, 2018, you will be required to obtain and display a USDOT number per 540 CMR 2.22, the Commercial Marking section of the Registry of Motor Vehicles regulations.

This applies to motor carriers operating the following motor vehicles:

- Engaged in intrastate commerce having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds; or
- Used in the transportation of hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding; or
- Designed to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, used in intrastate commerce in Massachusetts.

If your company operates a subject vehicle it must be permanently marked with a USDOT number assigned in a manner conforming to the provisions of 49 CFR 390.21.

To obtain a USDOT Number, we urge you to go to https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov. There, you may follow the Registrations links that will enable you to obtain an intrastate USDOT number. Your company will be issued a USDOT number that will be displayed on all CMVs as defined above that your company operates, including leased vehicles. There is no charge to obtain this number from the USDOT-FMCSA.

After September 1, 2018, failure to obtain and display a USDOT Number on your vehicles may result in a civil fine and/or placing your CMVs Out of Service until such time as your company obtains a USDOT Number.

Whether your company operates intrastate, meaning you conduct business solely within Massachusetts or operates interstate, conducting business in other states; you must obtain your DOT number directly online.

If you have questions regarding the federal website, you may call the FMCSA at 1-800-832-5660.
Department of Public Utilities (DPW)

Online: www.wvwater.gov

Required to pay utility carrier registration (URC) if your annualized base runs over their peak size and can register.

Commodity vehicle - non-carrier - non-customer. The commodity invoice is the controlling invoice. The commodity invoice is the controlling document of the USDOT number.

Each commodity operation or branch of a corporation requires a USDOT number. A USDOT number.

The state of the United States.

Between two places in a single state or part of trades, the trade of transportation or transportation only in the state.

Between two places in a single state through another state or place outside of the United States.

Between a place in a state and a place outside of such state, including in place outside of the United States.

CFR 390.5

If your trade route of transportation is one of the following, this is considered interstate commerce: 390.5

Transportation exclusively in your business, local business, this is considered interstate commerce.

What is the difference between interstate commerce and intrastate commerce? If you perform trade, traffic, or transportation outside the state.


You must update your information online at https://www.hls.gov/apps/company/registration/update-your-registration.

How do I register for Principal Place of Business — Enter the physical address of where the company is located or doing business as "Name of Business."