

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Do I Need A USDOT Number? DSP5

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on Do I Need a USDOT Number? DSP5, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DSP5>

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of State Patrol
Wisconsin Department of Transportation
9th Floor South
4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53705-9100

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsin.dot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

AGENCY CONTACT

DOTDSPGuidanceDocs@DOT.WI.GOV

Wisconsin State Patrol Motor Carrier Investigation Unit



**Do I need a
USDOT Number?
With a few exceptions
the answer is
YES...**



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What is a USDOT Number?

COMPANIES THAT OPERATE COMMERCIAL vehicles transporting passengers or hauling cargo in intra or interstate commerce must be registered with the FMCSA and must have a USDOT Number. Also, commercial intrastate hazardous materials carriers that haul quantities requiring a safety permit must register for a USDOT Number. The USDOT Number serves as a unique identifier when collecting and monitoring a company's safety information acquired during audits, compliance reviews, crash investigations, and inspections.

Where does the state of Wisconsin say I must have a **USDOT Number?**

WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER TRANS 327.03(I) ADOPTS 49 CFR 390.19. This section requires that all motor carriers operating in commerce obtain a USDOT Number.

Most commercial motor vehicles in Wisconsin require a USDOT Number and it must be provided at the time of registration. If you are required to have a USDOT Number, and cannot produce the number for verification, your vehicle registration application will not be processed until a valid number is provided.





Who is required to have a USDOT Number?

A USDOT Number is required if you have:

- » vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 10,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater; or
- » is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
- » is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, (including the driver) and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or
- » is used in transporting material found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring placarding under regulations prescribed by the Secretary under 49 CFR, subtitle B, chapter I, subchapter C.

How do I display my USDOT Number?

The marking must display:

- » the legal name or a single trade (DBA) name
- » the motor carrier identification number issued by the FMCSA, preceded by the letters “USDOT”

Additionally, the marking must:

- » appear on both sides of the self-propelled CMV
- » be in letters that contrast sharply in color with the background on which the letters are placed
- » be readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet while the CMV is stationary



What is the difference between interstate and intrastate commerce?

INTERSTATE COMMERCE IS TRADE, traffic, or transportation involving the crossing of a state boundary. Either the vehicle, its passengers, or cargo must cross a state boundary, or there must be the intent to cross a state boundary to be considered an interstate carrier. Intrastate commerce is trade, traffic, or transportation within a single state.

How do I obtain a **USDOT Number?**



AS OF DECEMBER 2015, YOU MUST USE THE UNIFIED REGISTRATION SYSTEM (URS) TO OBTAIN A USDOT NUMBER.

Cost for interstate for-hire carriers: \$300

Private carriers: Free

1. To apply online, visit FMCSA's website at: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration
2. Click the **"TO GET STARTED CLICK HERE"** button located in the middle of the page.

Commercial Motor Vehicle Carrier Contact Information

Commercial Trucks

Motor Carrier Registration	608-266-9900
CDL.....	608-264-7049
Fuel Tax.....	608-266-9900
PC/LC Number (INTRAstate for-hire)	608-266-9900
Oversize/Overweight Permits	608-266-7320

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

MC Number (INTERstate for-hire)	1-800-832-5660
FMCSA Safety Hotline	1-888-368-7238
FMCSA Wisconsin	608-662-2010

Wisconsin State Patrol

Motor Carrier Information System MCIS.....	608-267-9762
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Driver Licenses, Plates and Titles

Driver License/Records	608-266-2353
License Plates and Titles.....	608-266-1466

Websites

Wisconsin State Patrol

wisconsindot.gov/StatePatrol

FMCSA

www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Unified Carrier Registration UCR

ucr.gov



Biennial Update

Motor carriers **MUST** update their USDOT registration information every two years (biennial update) as required in Title 49 CFR part 390.19. This biennial update, also referred to as an MCS-150 update, may be completed online at www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) System

Fees must be paid each calendar year and are based on the number of vehicles operated interstate.

UCR fees are required for the following:

- » power units with a GVW or GVWR of 10,001 pounds or greater
- » passenger vehicles designed for 11+ passengers including the driver

For more information and payments, visit ucr.gov

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