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ACCESSING THE MoDOT CARRIER EXPRESS SYSTEM

If this is the first time your company will work with MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, complete and submit the Motor Carrier Application on our home page, www.modot.org/mcresources

If you have forgotten your MoDOT Carrier Express password, visit www.modot.org/mce and click on "If you have forgotten your password" and enter the information requested.

Check your email for a temporary password which you can use to access the ability to set a new password.

If you have forgotten your userID, click "If you have forgotten your password;" then follow the directions for userID reminders on the screen.

If you receive an error message or encounter an issue when resetting a password or userID, send an email to ContactMCS@modot.mo.gov .

- In the subject line, write "Password Reset for (company name)" or "UserID Assistance for (company)."
- In the email, write your full name and job title, the company name, your telephone and USDOT numbers and the contact information for the person who is authorized to make decisions regarding your account if the authorized person is not you.

If your business has multiple employees or locations and you need an additional userID, log in normally at www.modot.org/mce and follow the "Add a UserID to your MCE Account" directions.



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Missouri Intrastate Operating Authority

Who Needs Intrastate Operating Authority?

All for-hire motor carriers transporting property or passengers in intrastate commerce (wholly within) are required to apply for authority to operate in Missouri.

Why Do I Need Authority?

The registration process promotes motor carrier safety and, because it requires continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

Who Is Exempt from Intrastate Operating Authority Requirements?

A complete list of exemptions can be found in [Missouri Revised Statute 390.030](#).

I have interstate operating authority. Do I need intrastate operating authority too?

Yes. Your interstate operating authority does not authorize intrastate commerce within Missouri.

How do I get intrastate operating authority?

To obtain intrastate operating authority, you must obtain a USDOT number, complete an MO-1 Application and submit proof of insurance. An annual license fee of \$10 per power unit is required if a carrier is not required to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program. Carriers transporting passengers must submit a financial statement and may also be required to submit a formal tariff of rates and charges.

If you have an account with MCS, you can file an MO-1 Application electronically through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. If you are a new carrier you may fill out the Motor Carrier Application located on the MCS webpage at www.modot.org/mcs.

How do I maintain operating authority?

Authorized carriers who do not participate in UCR must obtain a yearly renewal license decal for all power units at a cost of \$10 per decal.

If you have an account with MCS, you can renew your annual license decal(s) through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. You may also download a B-1R Form to renew your annual license decal(s) from the Missouri Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage: www.modot.org/mcs.

All authorized carriers must maintain proof of insurance (Form E) on file with MCS.

Carriers authorized to transport passengers or household goods must also submit an annual financial statement.

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If I lease my vehicles to a motor carrier what do I need to do?

When the vehicle is leased, the lessee (motor carrier) is considered the operator of the vehicle. The lease should include the facts that the leased equipment is to be used solely by the lessee during the time of the lease and that the lessee controls the operation of the equipment including licensing, markings, insurance coverage, drivers, drivers' qualifications, drivers' hours of service and all related items to the same extent as if the lessee was the actual owner of the vehicle.

The lessee must accept responsibility to the public for any injury caused in the operation of leased equipment during the time of the lease, display appropriate vehicle markings and maintain and operate the leased equipment in accordance with state rules and regulations. When the lease is terminated, the lessee markings must be removed or done away with and the lease removed from the vehicle.

What are the minimum insurance requirements to operate for-hire within Missouri?

The minimum levels of bodily injury and property damage are:

Intrastate Passenger Service

1. Twelve passenger or less capacity: \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$300,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident;
2. More than twelve passenger capacity: \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$500,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident;

Intrastate Property-Nonhazardous - \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$300,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident.

Intrastate Property-Hazardous - \$5,000,000 (this limit applies only to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more.) For purposes of determining insurance requirements under this category, "hazardous" means:

1. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8 transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons;
2. Any quantity of Class 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosives;
3. Any quantity of Class 2.3 Hazard Zone A;
4. Any quantity of Class 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A; Class 7 radioactive materials in highway route controlled quantities as defined in 49 CFR 173.455;
5. Class 2.1 and 2.2 gases in tanks with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons.

Intrastate Property-Hazardous - \$1,000,000 (this limit applies only to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more). For purposes of determining insurance requirements under this category, "hazardous" means:

1. Oil listed in 49 CFR 172.101;
2. Hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances defined in 49 CFR 171.8 and listed in 19 CFR 181.101, but not mentioned directly above or below the hazardous listings.

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What form must be filed for proof of insurance?

A Form E (Bodily Injury and Property Damage Certificate Insurance) or a Form G (Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Surety Bond) must be filed for for-hire intrastate hauling. Your insurance company will make this filing for you.

I am a private carrier hauling only my own goods in and through the state of Missouri. Do I need to register private carriage authority with your state?

Private carriers hauling intrastate do not need to register for intrastate operating authority, however, private carriers involved in interstate commerce must register under the Unified Carrier Registration program

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International Fuel Tax Agreement

When do I need an International Fuel Tax license and decal?

You are required to have an IFTA license if you operate in two or more jurisdictions and the power unit:

- Has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight of 26,001 lbs. or higher;
- Has three or more axles regardless of weight; or
- Is used in combination and the said combination is 26,001 lbs. or heavier.

What forms and supporting documents are required prior to applying for a Missouri IFTA license and decals?

You must provide a completed customer information form, Missouri IFTA application and a Missouri license plate registration credential such as a Vehicle Registration Receipt or Missouri Cab Card.

Who is exempt from IFTA?

Recreational vehicles are exempt from IFTA requirements. To qualify as a recreational vehicle, a motor home, pickup truck with an attached camper, or a bus must be used only for personal enjoyment by an individual. It cannot be used in connection with any business endeavor.

How can I apply for an IFTA license and decals?

Complete the Motor Carrier Application located at www.modot.org/mcs or call MoDOT Motor Carrier Services at 1-866-831-6277 and select Option 2 to receive a copy by mail.

How long are an IFTA license and decals valid?

The IFTA license and decals are valid for a calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

How much does an IFTA license and set of decals cost?

Missouri does not charge for an IFTA license or decals. However, it is important to request only as many decals as you will use. The number of decals issued must reconcile with the number of trucks licensed.

IFTA license holders are subject to audit review.

I've added to my fleet. How do I order additional IFTA decals?

You can order more decals by through MoDOT Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. Select Credentialing – Services – IFTA – Other Supplements – Additional Decals.

How long must I retain my IFTA records?

You must maintain records to support the information reported on your IFTA tax returns for a period of four years from the due date of the return, or the date you filed the return, whichever is later.

Records includes mileage, fuel receipts, metered bulk storage disbursement and Ag exempt.

A recordkeeping booklet is available at www.modot.org/IFTA



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How often must I file an IFTA fuel tax returns?

You must file a return and pay applicable fuel taxes each calendar quarter:

QUARTER	REPORTING PERIOD	DUE DATE (on or before)
1	January – March	April 30
2	April – June	July 31
3	July – September	October 31
4	October – December	January 31

I am an annual filer; how do I file?

You will log into MoDOT Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. Select Credentialing – Services – IFTA – Tax Return – File/Amend. Be certain to check the box “Annual Filer” before selecting proceed. You will file each quarter separately within the return. Note the return quarter you are filing at the top right of the screen.

How and when do I receive quarterly fuel tax returns?

Postcards are mailed at the end of each quarter to remind carriers to go to MoDOT Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce to file online.

Returns must be complete and applicable taxes paid by the due date to avoid interest and penalty charges.

Must I file a quarterly fuel tax return if I didn’t run during the quarter?

Yes. If your truck(s) didn’t run, you must file a No Operation return. You must access MoDOT Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce to enter the return online. You will select the “No Operation” checkbox.

Do I need to file a quarterly fuel tax return when I am leased and operating under the lessee’s IFTA license?

Yes, you must file a “NO OPERATION” return if you have a current IFTA license and decal issued in your name, and you ran under a lessee’s IFTA license whose return will include the miles you travelled and gallons of fuel that you purchased.

If you continue to lease, you can request to cancel your IFTA license when filing a final return by selecting the “Cancel License” checkbox or you may send an email to ContactMCS@modot.mo.gov requesting cancellation of your IFTA license.

What is a tax-paid gallon purchase?

Any gallon of fuel purchased that had tax paid at the pump. The purchase must be supported by a detailed fuel receipt unless the fuel was removed from a metered bulk storage tank containing tax-paid fuel that you used in your qualified motor vehicles for the particular quarter.

What is bulk storage and how do I report it?

Bulk storage is fuel purchased in high volumes and stored in a metered tank at the carrier’s location. You must report only the fuel placed and used in your qualified motor vehicle(s) for the quarter

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What miles are non-taxable?

Fuel trip permit miles are not taxable. However, miles run on a fuel trip permit must be included in the filing for the quarter during which they were accrued. When filing a return in MoDOT Carrier Express, record trip permit miles in the box that requests total miles, but not the box that requests total taxable miles per jurisdiction. Visit www.iftach.org for a full listing of jurisdiction exemptions.

I have a fleet with multiple fuel types. Do I have to file a tax return on each fuel type?

Yes, you must file a separate return each quarter for each fuel type indicated on your initial or renewal application even when no miles were accrued that quarter

How can I have credits applied to my quarterly return tax invoices?

Credits not used or requested to be refunded expire after eight quarters. You must use the payment screen in MoDOT Carrier Express to have the credits automatically apply to the current tax balance due.

How do I request refund of credits on my account?

If you have a credit of \$10 or more on your return, log into MoDOT Carrier Express. Visit the payment screen where you can select an option to request a refund. Refunds are made only after all tax liabilities, including audit assessments, are satisfied with all IFTA member jurisdictions. Approved refunds are paid within 90 days after receipt of a request.

How and when do I renew my IFTA license and decals?

In November, MoDOT renews the IFTA licenses of all carriers whose accounts are in active status. You will receive an IFTA license, decals and a Fleet Information Sheet. Review the information sheet for accuracy. If corrections are needed, mail the sheet to MoDOT Motor Carrier Services.

- *EXAMPLE:* If your business address changed, correct it on the sheet, return the sheet to MoDOT and you will receive a corrected IFTA license.

What if I didn't want to renew my IFTA license but I received one for the new license year?

Write "CANCEL," and a brief reason for the cancellation on the Fleet Information Sheet and return the form, license and decals to MoDOT Motor Carrier Services.

I have several IFTA fuel types and I only want to cancel one of them. How do I go about doing this?

If you wish to cancel IFTA for only one fuel type such as gasoline, but keep diesel, submit an updated IFTA Application and a note stating that you want to cancel one fuel type only. This action must be performed by MoDOT personnel only.

Do not attempt to cancel a fuel type by selecting "Cancel License" when filing a tax return online. Doing so will cancel your entire IFTA license.

I no longer travel out of Missouri and do not need an IFTA license. How do I close my account?

You must file a final IFTA tax return – on time – for the quarter in which you ceased operating outside of the State of Missouri. You must file this return online and check the "Cancel License" box. Your IFTA account will be closed when all taxes are paid in full.

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International Registration Plan

When do I need apportioned plates (IRP)?

You are required to have apportioned plates if you operate in two or more jurisdictions and your vehicle(s) meet one or more of the following requirements:

- the power unit licensing weight is 26,001 lbs., or higher;
- the power unit has more than two axles regardless of licensed weight;
- the power unit is used in combination and the said combination is 26,001 lbs. or higher; or
- the power unit performs commercial intrastate movements in another jurisdiction other than Missouri, regardless of licensed weight.

What forms and supporting documents are required to get an apportioned plate?

- Motor Carrier Application (can be found at www.modot.org/mcs)
- Secretary of State Corporation or Fictitious Name papers (if applicable)
- Title or validated titling receipt
- Lease agreement, if leased
- Heavy highway vehicle use tax receipt (IRS-form 2290) for power units being licensed at 55,000 lbs. or higher
- Missouri county personal property tax receipt or tax waiver for the current year
- Actual miles traveled in each jurisdiction, during current reporting period, with an apportioned plate regardless of the base jurisdiction.

How may I apply for apportioned plates?

- by mail – MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, PO Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270
- by fax – (573) 751-0916
- in person – 830 MoDOT Dr , Jefferson City, MO 65102
- by email – contactmcs@modot.mo.gov

How long is an apportioned plate good?

Missouri's apportioned plates must be renewed every year.

A license plate's renewal date depends on when the plate was issued. The registration period is listed on the cab card. There are four:

January 1 – December 31
April 1 – March 31
July 1 – June 30
October 1 – September 30

When do I need papers from the Secretary of State Office?

Before applying for plates under a corporation name or business name, the same name must be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State Office at www.sos.mo.gov



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What is acceptable as proof of ownership (title)?

We can accept a copy of the validated title receipt (DOR-108) that proves an application for title was made at the Department of Motor Vehicles or a license fee office. We can also accept a copy of the issued title.

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services will not accept a title that is signed over on the back.

When do I need to supply a copy of a lease agreement?

Any time the name on the title differs from the name of the registrant who is applying for license plate(s), a lease agreement that identifies the unit(s) involved by year, make, and vehicle identification number (VIN) must be submitted. It must bear both parties' signatures and the start and ending dates of the lease agreement term.

When do I need a paid Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Receipt (IRS-Form 2290)?

Any time you license or renew the license of a power unit with a weight of 55,000 lbs. or more.

What is acceptable as a paid Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Receipt (IRS-Form 2290)?

MoDOT accepts:

- a copy of the "IRS-Form/2290 Schedule I" that lists all VIN's stamped "Received" by the IRS;
- a copy of the "IRS-Form/2290 Schedule I" that lists all VIN's AND a copy of the front and back of the cancelled check;
- a copy of the electronic filing (e-File) that lists all VINs and the IRS watermark; or
- proof that the unit in question was purchased within the last 60 days

What is considered a "current year" county personal property tax receipt and/or tax waiver for Missouri?

A current year tax receipt is usually one year prior to the current license year. (e.g. the 2014 license year requires a 2013 personal property tax receipt or tax waiver)

Whose Missouri county personal property tax receipt is required?

Generally, the required tax receipt is in the name of the registrant/applicant who is applies for or renews license plates. However, in some cases when the unit is leased and the owner is a Missouri resident, the tax receipt will be under the owner's name and a copy of the owner's Missouri county personal property tax receipt must be submitted.

What forms of payment are acceptable for an apportioned plate?

Personal or company check, e-check, cashier's check, debit card, credit card, money order, and bank-to bank transfers are accepted. The companies that process e-check and debit and credit card transactions charge a processing fee.

How do I receive my plate(s) and cab card(s)?

After all requirements have been satisfied, including payment for the registration, all plates and cab cards will be shipped through a commercial delivery service.

If you apply for registration in person and you have met all requirements, you may pick up your plate(s) and cab card(s) as you leave the office.

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How and when do I renew my plate(s) and cab card(s)?

Missouri has permanent plates, so a new cab card is generally all that is issued during the annual renewal.

Carriers receive a renewal postcard in the mail every year. It is a reminder to renew license plate registration. MoDOT encourages carriers to use MoDOT Carrier Express (www.modot.org/mce), available 24/7 to file a renewal application.

Application (including supporting documents) and payment deadlines differ by two months. Penalties apply to carriers who file and/or pay for renewal after the deadline passes. Save time and money by renewing and paying on time.

Registration Period	File By	Pay By	Plate Expires
January 1 to December 31	October 1	December 1	December 31
April 1 to March 31	January 1	March 1	March 31
July 1 to June 30	April 1	June 1	June 30
October 1 to September 30	August 1	September 1	September 30
	Late filing penalty = \$100	Late Payment penalty = \$50 per truck, to a maximum of \$150	

How do I add, transfer, delete, and make changes, etc. to my established account?

Refer to the IRP tab on the MoDOT.org/mcs under User Guides for filing – Online Instructions. Look for links to the appropriate topic. When you wish to delete a vehicle, the apportioned plate must be returned to our office. If surrendering at 60,001 lbs. or more, MoDOT refunds any remaining Missouri quarters of registration. When returning an apportioned plate to our office for any reason, please include a cover sheet with the account number and the reason you are sending the plate. There are many reasons why plates are sent to our office, so without clear direction we will call you.

Who is authorized to conduct business with Motor Carrier Services for me?

Business conducted with MoDOT Motor Carrier Services by phone, mail, or electronically may only be transacted by authorized individuals.

If an individual transacting business with Motor Carrier Services is not the listed owner, they may transact business if they are:

- Listed as a contact in the MoDOT Carrier Express system, or
- Listed as a company officer of a corporation with the Secretary of State, or
- Listed as a member or manager of a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) with the Secretary of State, or
- Authorized on US Department of Transportation documentation, or
- Provide written proof of Power of Attorney

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Hazardous Waste

Who needs a Hazardous Waste Transporter License?

All carriers who transport hazardous waste, used oil, or infectious waste in Missouri are required to have a hazardous waste transporter license.

Why do I need a License to transport Hazardous Waste in Missouri?

The Hazardous Waste Transporter License helps ensure environmental protection through proper disposal of waste. The registration process also promotes motor carrier safety and, because it requires continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

How do I obtain a Hazardous Waste Transporter License in Missouri?

Hazardous Waste Applications must be filed electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. If you do not have an account with MCE, please complete our Customer Information Form, located on the Hazardous Waste Transporters tab of the MCS homepage www.modot.org/mcs. MCS will set up your account and send you a user id and password to access the system so you may begin the process of filing your application.

The license is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

How much does a Hazardous Waste Transporter License Cost?

The fee for a Hazardous Waste Transporter License is calculated based upon the total licensed vehicle weight of all power units, the percentage of Missouri miles traveled, the percentage of hazardous waste shipments and a calculated user fee.

The minimum license fee is \$200; the maximum license fee is \$25,000.

How do I renew my Hazardous Waste Transporter License?

You must file a renewal electronically through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce.

To ensure timely renewal, file at least 60 days prior to your expiration date.

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How do I add vehicles, replace vehicles, or request a temporary throughout the year on my Hazardous Waste Transporter License?

You can add vehicles, replace a vehicle at no charge or request a temporary on an active license by accessing MoDOT Carrier Express and filing your supplement electronically.

Am I still required to report to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources?

Yes. The Hazardous Waste Transporter License does not take the place of any required reporting or registrations to other state or federal agencies.

What are the insurance liability requirements for a Hazardous Waste Transporter License?

Carriers are required to have a minimum of \$1,000,000 or \$5,000,000 in coverage. The required limit is determined by the Class(es)/Division(s) and quantity of the hazardous waste you haul.

Proof of valid insurance must be on file with our office to keep your Hazardous Waste Transporter License in good standing.

If you are unsure of your minimum insurance liability requirements, please contact MCS.

What form must be filed for proof of insurance?

A Form E (Bodily Injury and Property Damage Certificate Insurance) or a Form G (Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Surety Bond) is required.

Your insurance company will make this filing on your behalf.

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Unified Carrier Registration

Who is required to register for UCR?

The UCR Agreement applies to the following types of operations of passenger and property transportation in interstate commerce:

1. Motor carrier
2. Motor private carrier of property
3. Freight forwarder
4. Broker
5. Leasing company

How do I register for UCR?

You can file your UCR through the National Registration System (NRS) at www.ucr.gov.

How much does UCR cost?

The cost of UCR is determined by the number of commercial motor vehicles used. Please visit www.ucr.gov for the current fee schedule.

Where does the NRS get the number of commercial motor vehicles on my renewal form?

The information is taken from the number of commercial motor vehicles listed on the last MCS-150 you submitted with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Can I subtract commercial motor vehicles from my count that I only use in intrastate commerce?

Yes. If you have specific vehicles that are used in intrastate commerce only, you may subtract them from your commercial motor vehicle count. If you subtract intrastate only vehicles, you must complete a UCR-1 form with identification information of the units being subtracted.

Do I count short-term leased equipment in my CMV count?

You must include equipment with a lease of 30 days or more.

Do I get a receipt or a credential that is required to be carried in my truck?

No. States may issue you a receipt as proof of payment, but it is not a requirement to carry this in your vehicle. UCR compliance is verified electronically.

How can I tell if I have paid UCR?

You can verify that your UCR records are up-to-date through the NRS. Simply go to www.ucr.gov and enter your USDOT number. A registration and a payment indicator will appear for each year of your participation.

I operated in previous years and had a valid USDOT number, but never paid UCR fees. Should I register for those years also?

Yes. If you operated and had a valid USDOT number, you should pay fees for the past two registration years. Roadside enforcement reviews records and may issue citations for a two-year period of non-payment of UCR fees.

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Are farmers transporting their own goods in interstate commerce required to file and pay UCR?

Yes. There are no exceptions to filing UCR.

I Have an MC Number. Do I need to file and pay UCR too?

Yes. Your interstate operating authority does not take the place of UCR.

What is the money collected through UCR used for?

The fees collected through the UCR program are used to fund state motor carrier safety programs and enforcement.

Are Missouri carriers required to register UCR in other states?

No. UCR is a federally mandated program where your registration is valid in all states.

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Waste Tire

Who needs a Waste Tire Transporter Permit?

All carriers who transport waste tires for consideration within Missouri are required to obtain a Waste Tire Transporter Permit.

Who is exempt from obtaining a Waste Tire Transporter Permit in Missouri?

1. A person who does not haul for consideration (monetary or non-monetary compensation) or commercial profit.
2. A person hauling warranty tires or new defective tires to the retailer, wholesaler or manufacturer for adjustment credit or return.
3. A person hauling scrap tires which have been generated at his/her own business or residence, provided that this transportation is done using their own employees and vehicles.

Why do I need a Permit to transport Waste Tires in Missouri?

The Waste Tire Transporter Permit helps ensure environmental protection through proper disposal of waste.

How do I get a Waste Tire Transporter Permit in Missouri?

If you have an account with MCS you can file an application electronically through the HW/WT system in Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. You may also download the WT-1 Application from the Waste Tire Transport tab of the MCS homepage at www.modot.org/mcs.

How much does a Waste Tire Transporter Permit Cost?

The fee for a Waste Tire Transporter Permit is \$100 annually.

How do I renew my Waste Tire Transporter Permit?

Your Waste Tire Transporter Permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. Renewals can be filed electronically through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. You may also download the WT-1 Application and Instructions from the Waste Tire Transport tab of the MCS homepage at www.modot.org/mcs

To ensure timely renewal, file at least 60 days prior to your expiration date.

How do I add vehicles or replace vehicles throughout the year on my Waste Tire Transporter Permit?

If you have an account with MCS you can file a supplement electronically through the HW/WT System in Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. You may also download the WT-2 Application from the Waste Tire Transport tab of the MCS homepage at www.modot.org/mcs.

Am I required to report to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources too?

Yes. Waste Tire Haulers are required to submit tracking reports. Please visit <http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2713.htm> for more information.

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Housemover License

Who needs a Housemover License?

All carriers who move a house for-hire on the public highways of Missouri need a Housemover license.

Why do I need a License to move a house?

The registration process promotes motor carrier safety and, because it requires continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

What is considered a house?

Missouri law defines a house as a dwelling or other structure intended for human habitat in excess of fourteen feet in width. A house does not include a manufactured home or a modular unit.

How do I get a Housemover License?

To obtain a Housemover License you must complete an HML-1 and HML-2 application. If you have an account with MCS, you can file an HML-1 and HML-2 Application electronically through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. You may also download the HML-1 and HML-2 Applications from the Missouri Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage at www.modot.org/mcs.

How much does a Housemover License Cost?

The fee for a Housemover License is \$100 annually. The license is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

How do I renew my Housemover License?

You can renew your license through Motor Carrier Express at www.modot.org/mce. You can download the HML-1 and HML-2 form to renew your license from the Missouri Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage: www.modot.org/mcs.

To ensure timely renewal, file at least 60 days prior to your expiration date.

How do I add vehicles or replace vehicles throughout the year on my Housemover License?

You can add vehicles, replace vehicles or request a temporary throughout the year by completing an HML-2 Application. You can download the HML-2 Application from the Missouri Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage: www.modot.org/mcs.

Am I still required to obtain an Oversize/Overweight permit too?

Yes. The Housemover License does not take the place of additional state or federal requirements.

Do I need to update my Housemover License for every move?

No. The Housemover License is valid for one year from the date of issuance. The number of movements throughout the license year is unlimited.

Do I need Intrastate Operating Authority too?

If you are transporting a house outside of a commercial zone, you must obtain intrastate operating authority in addition to the Housemover License if you are moving for hire.

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What are the insurance liability requirements to obtain a Housemover License?

A Housemover must have all of the following insurance on file before their license can be issued: a minimum liability limit of \$500,000 for bodily injury and property damage, minimum liability of \$100,000 cargo insurance, AND minimum liability limit of \$2,000,000 certificate of liability.

What insurance forms are accepted by Motor Carrier Services?

A Housemover License applicant must have a Form E or G (proof of bodily injury or property damage), Form H or J (proof of cargo) AND an Acord Certificate of Insurance. Your insurance company will make these filings for you.

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Oversize Overweight (OSOW)

How can I apply for permits online?

New customers must complete the Motor Carrier Application and obtain a username and password assigned by Motor Carrier Services. You can fill out the Motor Carrier Application located on the MCS webpage at www.modot.org/mcs.

How do I pay for permits?

You may pay on-line by using MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, electronic check or deposit money into escrow account. This service allows you to order permits, check your account balance and see all activities on your account.

What is the maximum size and weight Missouri will routinely permit?

Width: 16 feet

Height: 16 feet

Length: 150 feet overall length – 60 feet single unit

Weight:

AXLES	MAXIMUM WEIGHT
Tandem weight	46,000 lbs
Quadrum weight	72,000 lbs
5 axles (1-2-2)	104,000 lbs
6 axles (less than 51')	112,000 lbs
6 axles (1-2-3)	120,000 lbs
6 axles (1-2-2-1) (greater than 65')	120,000 lbs
7 axles (1-2-4) (alt configuration)	130,000 lbs
7 axles (1-3-3)	132,000 lbs
7 axles (1-2-3-1 & 1-3-2-1)	138,000 lbs
7 axles (1-2-2-2)	150,000 lbs
8 axles (1-3-4)	144,000 lbs
8 axles (all other configurations)	160,000 lbs
9 axles (1-4-4)	156,000 lbs
9 axles (other configurations)	160,000 lbs
10, 11 and 12 axles	160,000 lbs

What is legal in Missouri?

Width: 8 feet 6 inches on all Missouri highways.

Height: 13 feet 6 inches on all Missouri highways. The exceptions are on interstates, the designated and primary highway system or within 10 air miles of these where the legal height is 14 feet.

Weight: 80,000 lbs. (40 tons) on Missouri highways. However, there are bridges posted for less than 40 ton on state highways. All bridge load postings must be complied with.



Frequently Asked Questions

Length: There is no overall length restriction for a tractor / semi-trailer combination on interstate and the designated highway system or within 10 air miles of these. However, in a tractor / semi-trailer combination, the trailer including load cannot exceed 53 feet.

When more than 10 miles from interstate or designated highway system, a tractor/semi-trailer combination may not exceed an overall length of 60 feet. Legal length for single unit is 45 feet.

How can I obtain a Missouri permit?

Permits may be obtained online. Faxed applications will **NOT** be accepted.

Central Office:	830 MoDOT Dr., Jefferson City, MO 800-877-8499 or 573-751-7100
Northwest:	3602 N. Belt Highway, St. Joseph, MO 64502 816-387-2350
Northeast:	Highway 61 South, Hannibal, MO 63401 573-248-2490
Kansas City:	600 Northeast Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8002 816-622-6500
St. Louis:	MoDOT Transportation Management Center 14301 South Outer 40 Road, Town and Country, MO 63017 314-340-4100
Southwest:	3025 E Kearney, Springfield, MO 65801 417-895-7600
Southeast:	201 North Main Street, Sikeston, MO 63801 573-472-5333

What is considered a superload in Missouri?

Width:	Over 16 feet
Height:	Over 16 feet
Length:	Over 150 feet overall length
Weight:	Over 160,000 lbs. gross

What is the procedure for obtaining a superload?

Missouri requires on-line, faxed or mailed superload application and the permits are only issued through the Central Office. Turnaround time is approximately two weeks. Once the application is received in the MCS Office, a structure analysis and feasibility study is done to ensure that bridges and roadways can withstand the load capacity before issuance.



Frequently Asked Questions

When can I travel?

For oversize loads, travel is limited to one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Continuous movement is allowed for loads that are only overweight. Additional curfews apply in the Lake of the Ozark, Branson, Kansas City and St. Louis areas. Movement is further restricted for loads exceeding certain dimensions. Refer to the complete regulations for details.

When do I need an escort?

For routine moves, no escort is required for loads up to and including 12'4" in width. One escort is required on the interstate and designated route system for loads over 12'4" to 14' wide. This escort shall be in the rear on dual-lane, divided, or multi-lane pavement and in the front on two-lane pavement. Travel on routes off interstate and designated route system requires one front and one rear escort. One rear escort is required on the interstate and other divided highways for loads over 14' and up to 16' wide. One front and one rear escort required on all multi-lane undivided and two-lane highways. A rear escort is required when the vehicle and load length exceed 90' for a combination unit on all highways except divided highways. A height detection vehicle is required to precede overheight loads exceeding 15'6".

How much does a permit cost?

Single Trip – legal weight	\$15.00
Single Trip – overweight	\$15.00 plus \$20.00 for each ten thousand pounds in excess of legal gross weight
Single Trip in excess of 16' wide, 16' high or 150' long	\$15.00 plus \$250.00 movement feasibility fee
Single Trip in excess of 160,000 lbs gross weight	\$15.00 plus \$20.00 for each ten thousand pounds in excess of legal gross weight plus bridge and roadway analysis fee of \$425.00 for each permit for moves from 0-50 miles in length; \$625.00 for 51-200 miles; \$925 for over 200 miles
Annual Blanket – single commodity	\$128.00
Annual Blanket – well drillers & concrete pump trucks	\$300.00
Annual Blanket – multiple commodity	\$400.00
Annual Blanket – emergency response	\$624.00

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Frequently Asked Questions

What type of Annual Blanket Permits are available?

Blanket Permits are available for up to and including 12'4" in width and 150' in overall length depending on commodity being hauled.

Available legal weight blankets are as follows:

- Mobile Home
- Pipes
- Poles
- Beams
- Hay
- Farm Implement
- Missouri National Guard
- Construction Equipment
- Implement of Husbandry
- Multiple Commodity
- Poles (Utility Co / Coops)
- Like Object (i.e. boat, trusses, portable buildings)
- 100 Mile Radius – for farmers and farm implement dealers up to 14'6" wide
- LCV – Longer Combination Vehicle – for travel to and from locations within 20 miles of the western border

Available overweight blankets:

- Emergency Response
- Concrete Pump Truck
- Well Drill Rig

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