

Commercial Motor Vehicles with a GVWR of 17,001 lbs. or more.



A combination of Commercial Motor Vehicles with a GVWR of 17,001 lbs. or more, including the towed unit.



How Do I Get a USDOT Number?

To register with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and obtain a USDOT number, visit the FMCSA website:

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

Once obtained, the USDOT number and the legal name or single trade name of the motor carrier (business) must be displayed on both sides of every self-propelled CMV.

Getting a USDOT Number is



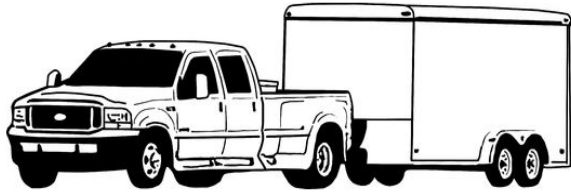
If your vehicle meets the criteria for a USDOT number, other rules, regulations and laws may apply to the company, the vehicles and all its drivers.

For more information about these rules and regulations, visit the Pennsylvania State Police Commercial Vehicle Division website:

<http://www.psp.pa.gov/law-enforcement-services/Pages/PSP-Commercial-Vehicle-Safety-Division.aspx>

Intrastate USDOT Number Requirements





A USDOT number may be required, if you:

- Use or operate any type of truck, including a pickup, in your business.
- Transport passengers
- Haul any kind of hazardous materials such as gasoline, fertilizer, oxygen, acetylene or other chemicals.

If you have been told that this requirement does not apply to you, do your research. Most companies only become aware of this requirement after their vehicles have been stopped by law enforcement.

The Pennsylvania State Police developed this brochure to bring general safety awareness to small truck owners and businesses in Pennsylvania.



What is an Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)?

You are operating an intrastate commercial motor vehicle if you have a vehicle that:

- Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 17,001 lbs. or more, whichever is greater, or
- Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (driver included) for compensation, or
- Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers (driver included) and is not used to transport passengers for compensation, or
- Is used in transporting hazardous material in a quantity requiring placarding.

AND is involved in intrastate commerce.

If you're operating a vehicle or combination just in PA and answered yes to any of the above then a USDOT number is required.



What is a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)?

For a single vehicle, it is the value specified by the vehicle manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of the vehicle.

For a combination of vehicles, it is the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of the towing unit plus the GVWR of the towed unit or units.

Where do I find the GVWR?

The GVWR can be found in several places:

- Label on the inside of driver's door
 - In the engine compartment
 - In the owner's manual
- On the front left side of a trailer

*** In the example below, this vehicle has a GVWR of 19,500 pounds.**

