



Louisiana Public Service Commission

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Transportation Division: (888) 342-5717

TO: ALL LOUISIANA MOTOR CARRIERS APPLYING FOR A CONTRACT CARRIER PERMIT.

Please note the following information relative to the regulation of **CONTRACT CARRIERS** by motor vehicle by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

Submit the attached application for contract 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 CONTRACT CARRIER PERMIT
(Other than transfer or lease of existing rights)**

Pursuant to R.S. 45:164 no motor carrier shall operate as a contract carrier without having first obtained from the commission a permit, which shall be issued only after a written application is made and filed.

"Permit" means the permission issued under the terms of R.S. 45:161 through 45:172, to contract carriers by motor vehicle.

No person shall at the same time hold, or operate under, both a common carrier certificate and a contract carrier permit.

"Contract carrier by motor vehicle" means any person not included under R.S. 45:162 (5), who under special and individual contracts or agreements, and whether directly or by other arrangement, transports household goods, passengers, or waste by vehicle for compensation or hire, where in the course of the transportation a highway between two or more incorporated municipalities is traversed.

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.) Five (5) copies should accompany the original application. Only the original must be notarized. Suggested forms will be furnished upon request.

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 permit
 authorizing transportation as
 a contract carrier..... \$150.00

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 permit. 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 no more than (5) current Contracts at one time
- 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 (As described in "General Information" below)

Upon completion of these requirements, the authorized permit 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) the commission shall require the following policies of insurance:

Public liability and property damage insurance on trucks operated by contract 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.

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, by the insurance company, which must be received prior to registration. The name and address on the Form E and name and address on the application for authority must match exactly.

(2) CONTRACTS

Contract Carriers: The contract carrier operates under contracts filed with and approved by the Commission, which shows the services to be rendered and the basis for computation of rates. No contract carrier shall operate under more than (5) FIVE contracts.

Contract should contain the following information:

- Complete name and address of companies
- Specific information for rates charged
- Contract must be signed by both parties
- Contract must be for at least (30) days in order to show permanence

(3) MERGER OF DUPLICATE OPERATING RIGHTS

“No motor carrier shall be permitted to hold more than one permit 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 permit 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 contract 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.

NOTICE

*THE FOLLOWING FORM IS SUGGESTED FOR USE AS A **GENERAL GUIDE** AS TO STYLE AND FORM ONLY IN PREPARING APPLICATION. IT SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT AS TO PARTICULAR AUTHORITY SOUGHT.*

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 **CONTRACT CARRIER PERMIT** authorizing the following transportation by motor vehicle:

Note: The contract carrier permit for which authority is sought should be clearly described showing service to be rendered and including any restrictions of limitations. List persons or shippers for whom transportation will be performed, (under contract) in the event a permit should be granted. Specify whether the permit sought is to be limited to transportation only for such persons or shippers, or whether the permit is to include authority to perform the service described for others not listed (not exceeding a total of five (5)) in satisfying future needs. Outline territory to be served for the transportation to be performed. Generally contract carriers operate over irregular routes in certain specified areas. Under the provisions of Title 45, Chapter 4 of the Revised Statutes the Commission does not grant contract carrier permits for excess of five (5) shippers.) If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

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 represents that the issuance of the contract carrier permit will be in the public interest, and that if it is granted, petitioner will comply with all the provisions of the law and rules and regulations of the Commission relating to operations under such permit and file with the Commission a copy of all contracts operated thereunder; 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.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that this application may be docketed and that after hearing thereon, an appropriate permit of public convenience and necessity issue to petitioner.

Dated at _____

(Petitioner's Signature)

This _____ day of _____, 20____

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