

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is a USDOT number?

A USDOT number is a unique identifier issued by FMCSA and is used when collecting and monitoring a company's safety information acquired during audits, compliance reviews, crash investigations, and inspections.

2. Who is required to obtain a USDOT number?

Companies and or individuals that operate commercial vehicles transporting passengers or hauling cargo in interstate commerce, and, commercial intrastate hazardous materials carriers who haul quantities requiring a safety permit.

3. What is interstate commerce?

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.

4. Why is North Carolina DMV requesting a USDOT number?

The requirement of the USDOT number is governed by FMCSA. The Division is enhancing its computer system to correctly identify and capture this information to assist with FMCSA's goal to improve highway safety.

5. Does my church bus require a USDOT number?

A church bus must have a USDOT number if the vehicle crosses state boundaries at any time.

6. Do Government owned vehicles require a USDOT number?

Government owned commercial vehicles must have a USDOT number if the vehicle and or cargo crosses state boundaries at any time.

7. I received multiple letters, do I need to obtain more than one USDOT number?

Due to the variation of spelling and abbreviations in a company name, you may have received multiple letters, however; only one USDOT number is required.