

Take this simple compliance indicator quiz!

Do you use a small truck (box van, step van) or a pickup truck towing a trailer or a small bus in your business?

Is your vehicle used to transport a product?

Is your vehicle used to transport passengers?

Do you transport any amount of a hazardous material (gasoline, oxygen, propane, fertilizer, etc.)?

Do you personally own, lease or use your employee's vehicles in your business?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, some or all of the federal and state safety regulations may apply to your company, your vehicles and the people who operate them.

State and local law enforcement agencies understand these regulations. **So should you!**

If your vehicle meets the criteria for a commercial motor vehicle, the following rules, regulations and laws may apply to the company, the vehicle and all its drivers:

- Commercial Driver's License
- Hours of Service
- Log Books
- Displaying a USDOT Number
- Vehicle Equipment Compliance (parts and accessories)
- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Driver Qualifications (medical cards, driver files, driving records)
- Hazardous Materials Regulations
- Size & Weight Laws (all vehicles)
- Operating Authority
- Fuel Tax and IRP Registration

For more information about these rules and regulations visit the [Vermont DMV website](#).

Think a commercial motor vehicle only looks like this?



Think again...





Certain federal and state safety rules, regulations and laws may apply, 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 these regulations don't apply to you, do your research. Many companies only become aware of these requirements after their vehicles have been stopped by law enforcement.

What is an Interstate Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)?

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

- Has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of **10,001 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 interstate commerce.

Trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States:

- Between a place in a state and a place outside such state;
- Between two places in a state through another state or a place outside the United States.

What is an Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)?

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

- has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds or such lesser rating as determined by federal regulation, or
- is designed to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, or
- Is used in transporting hazardous material in a quantity requiring placarding.

AND is involved in intrastate commerce.

