

Highlights: Biennial Update of Motor Carrier Identification Report (MCS-150)

All motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMVs)* in interstate commerce are required to file a Motor Carrier Identification Report, Form MCS-150.

* A CMV has a gross vehicle or combination weight rating (GVWR) of 10,001 lbs or more, carrying hazardous materials in quantities requiring a placard, or designed or used to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver. Smaller vehicles used in for-hire transportation of passengers may be subject to this rule, and others, at a later date.

You must file the form the first time before you begin operations. This requirement went into effect July 3, 2000.

Starting January, 2001, you must also file it every 24 months, according to this schedule:

<u>USDOT Number ending in:</u>	<u>Must file by last day of:</u>
1	January
2	February
3	March
4	April
5	May
6	June
7	July
8	August
9	September
0	October

If the next-to-last digit of your USDOT number is odd, you must file your update in every odd-numbered calendar year.

If the next-to-last digit of your USDOT number is even, you must file your update in every even-numbered calendar year.

Examples:

Motor Carrier USDOT 123456 files its update in June (month 6) 2001 (odd year).

Motor Carrier USDOT 123467 files its update in July (month 7) 2002 (even year).

However, for calendar year 2001 only, if you would normally be required to file by the end of January or February, 2001 (that is, your USDOT number ends in 1 or 2, and the next-to-last digit is an odd number), you have until March 30, 2001 to file. (You may file earlier, if you are able to.)

You can obtain the Form MCS-150 (Motor Carrier Identification Report) from the following sources:

Internet - FMCSA web page at: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>, click on "Facts and Figures," then click on "Forms and Publications" and look for the heading "DOT Number - Application Form." You may fill out the Form MCS-150 on the screen, print it and submit it by mail or by facsimile. The form is printed so it may be folded and mailed, postage-paid by the FMCSA. (In the near future, you will be able to submit it on-line.)

FMCSA Information Line: 1-800-832-5660

FMCSA Office of Research, Technology and Information Management, MC-RIS,
400 7th Street, SW, Washington, D. C. 20590

FMCSA field offices - Go to <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/> . Click on "Contacting us," then click on "Field Offices" to find the office or offices in your State.

Some States are participating in the FMCSA's PRISM program, which links State commercial motor vehicle registration to the safety fitness of motor carriers. **If your State requires you to submit information similar to that contained in the Form MCS-150 as a condition of annual vehicle registration, you do not have to file that same information with the FMCSA, so long as you actually file this information with the appropriate State office.**

NOTE: If you are a for-hire motor carrier submitting a name change, as required under 49 CFR 365.413, please use the FMCSA web page <http://diy.dot.gov> or call 202-358-7106.