

Important Information for Churches with buses that carry more than 15 passengers.

As a Private Motor Carrier of Passengers (PMCP), you must meet certain requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). These requirements differ slightly depending on if you are classified as a business or non-business PMCP. Business PMCPs must meet (1) eight driver qualification requirements; (2) seven "driving of motor vehicle" requirements; (3) eight "parts and accessories" requirements; (4) "hours and services" requirements; and (5) inspection, repair and maintenance requirements. Non-business PMCPs are subject to these same requirements, except that they are exempt from the recordkeeping requirements under the driver qualification provisions. Churches are recognized as Non-business PMCPs.

Note that if you bus travels across a state line, a United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) number is required if you are PMCP regardless of business or non-business status. No fee is assessed to obtain a USDOT number. You must complete Form MCS-150 (Motor Carrier Identification Report) to obtain a USDOT number. The form can be found on a web site at: www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov. Form MCS-150 can be completed online or you can print a copy of the form to complete and mail to the address indicated. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can call the toll-free number at 1-800-832-5660 to have the form mailed to you.