

Glossary

ACUTE NONCOMPLIANCE: Violation(s) that required immediate corrective action by a motor carrier.

APPORTIONED PLATES: license plates issued to commercial vehicles and are affixed to the vehicle.

BACK OFFICE: manages all of the carrier's logistics processes

BASE JURISDICTION: Base state of the customer's business.

BOC-3 (*Blanket of Coverage*): A designation of a process agent to accept court papers in each state the truck hauls.

BOL/POD (*Bill of Lading/Proof of Delivery*): Paper received from the receiver signed and stating that the freight has been received.

CAB CARD: A registration card issued by the base jurisdiction for an apportioned vehicle that identifies the base jurisdiction, vehicle, registered weight & registered jurisdictions. Can be in paper or electronic form.

CARRIER: An owner operator or trucking company that transports goods.

CDL (*Commercial Drivers License*): The Licensure required to operate a commercial motor vehicle.

CMV (*Commercial Motor Vehicle*): Weighing over 10,001 lbs gross or a vehicle designed to carry more than 15 passengers.

COMPLIANCE: Conforming to a rule, such as specification, standard or law.

CRITICAL NONCOMPLIANCE: Violation related to management or operations, indicating a breakdown in carrier's management controls.

DRUG & ALCOHOL CONSORTIUM: Manages all or part of a DOT carrier's (CDL specific) drug and alcohol program & random drug testing pool.

CSA (*Compliance, Safety & Accountability*): A safety and compliance program enforced by the FMCSA that holds carriers and drivers accountable for their safety.

CVSA (*Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance*): Certified inspectors dedicated to safety and compliance.

DISPATCHER: One who acts on behalf of a carrier to schedule & organize the movement of commercial motor vehicles in exchange for reimbursement.

DOT (*Department of Transportation*): The government's leading agency for planning and support of the nation's land, air and sea based travel.

DQF (*Driver Qualification File*): Checklist of documentation required for each driver per the FMCSA regulations. This includes all qualifications required for a driver to be employed with any carrier registered with the DOT & FMCSA.

ELD (*Electronic Log Device*): Electronic hardware attached to the commercial vehicle engine to record a driver's hours.

EXPIRATION LOG: A checklist compiled of all company, vehicle & driver expiration dates that must be renewed throughout the year.

FACTORING: The process of a carrier selling their bill after delivering to get paid within 24-48 hours instead of Net 30+.

FMCSA (*Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration*): The regulating agency of the FMCSA.

GCWR (*Gross Combined Weight Rating*): The total weight your vehicle can safely carry.

GVWR (*Gross Vehicle Weight Rating*): The total weight of a commercial motor vehicle.

HOS (*Hours of Service*): A regulation enforced by the FMCSA that governs the working hours of anyone operating a commercial motor vehicle

HVUT (*Heavy Vehicle Use Tax*): A fee assessed annually on heavy vehicles operating on public highways at registered gross weights equal or greater than 55,000 pounds.

IFTA (*International Fuel Tax Agreement*): The agreement made between the lower 48 states to simplify the paying of fuel taxes by carriers.

INSPECTION: An evaluation of a driver, vehicle, or both to ensure safe operations. The [six levels of inspections](#) conducted in North America are developed by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA). The level of inspection refers to what is examined during the inspection. Level 1 is the most comprehensive type of inspection.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE: Transporting cargo in a commercial motor vehicle across state lines.

INTRASTATE COMMERCE: Transporting cargo in a commercial motor vehicle in one state.

IRP (*International Registration Plan*): An agreement between certain states which provides apportioned payments of registration fees based on the total # of miles traveled in participating states.

KYU (*Kentucky Weight Distance*): Any carrier over 59,999 pounds traveling in or through Kentucky is subject to this tax in addition to IFTA fuel taxes.

LOCAL: Traveling within a 172 land mile radius from the company's base jurisdiction after a 14 or 15 hour work day based on the state.

LOG BOOK: A book that details hours, mileage and time spent in the sleeper berth.

LOGISTICS: The management of a flow of things from point A to point B.

MC (*Motor Carrier*): A motor carrier transports passengers or property for compensation.

MED CARD: A document issued by a doctor registered in the National Registry of Medical Examiners, awarded following a medical exam showing one is physically capable of operating a commercial motor vehicle safely.

NESA (*New Entrant Safety Audit*): A review of a motor carrier's records designed to verify that a carrier has basic safety management procedures in place to ensure compliance with applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

NY HUT (*New York Highway Use Tax*): A tax imposed by New York paid by a motor carrier over 10,000 pounds travelling through the state, excluding toll paid thruways.

OFF DUTY: Any time a driver is free of responsibility or care of a CMV, is not performing or expected to perform work, and is welcome to leave the premises of the CMV in order to pursue activities of their choosing.

ON DUTY: All time from when a driver begins compensated work, or is required to be ready to work, until the time the driver is relieved of all responsibilities for performing work.

OTR (*Over the Road*): Driving for typically 3+ weeks across all 48 states.

OWNER OPERATOR: Once who owns and operators his/her own equipment.

POWER ONLY: Operating without a trailer.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE: The regular and routine maintenance of assets to keep them running and to prevent costly repairs.

PROCESS AGENTS: A representative who can accept court papers on your behalf.

RATE CONFIRMATION: An agreement between a broker and a carrier that verifies the rate & must be signed prior to picking up a delivery.

REGIONAL: When a CDL driver operates in a specific geographic region of the country.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT CONTROLS: The systems, policies, programs, practices, and procedures used by a motor carrier to ensure compliance with applicable safety and hazardous materials regulations.

SAFETY SENSITIVE FUNCTION: All time from the time a driver begins to work or is required to be in readiness to work until the time he/she is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work.

TMS (*Transportation Management System*): A logistics system that helps a trucking company build, plan, execute & keep track of the physical movement of goods.

TWIC (*Transportation Worker Identification Credential*): (In trucking) A card necessary to get access to certain high risk & high valued freight.

UCR (*Unified Carrier Registration*): Federally mandated system for registering operators of commercial vehicles in interstate and intrastate commerce.

WDT (*Weight Distance Tax*): A state tax (New Mexico) required for all carriers travelling in the state of New Mexico. These miles must be filed on a quarterly basis as well.