

# COMPLIANCE BASICS



## FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS

Getting familiar with the regulation:

A commercial motor vehicle (CMV) means any self-propelled or towed motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle:

- Has gross vehicle weight rating, or gross combination weight rating, or gross vehicle weight, or gross combination weight, of **10,001** pounds or more or
- Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for compensation; or
- Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or
- Is used in transporting materials found by the Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and transported in a quantity requiring placarding.

**If you are in commerce and you answer yes to any one of the above bullets, then YES you fall into these regulations.**

**If you are in commerce and you answer yes to any one of the above bullets, then YES to any of the below bullets you then also fall into the CDL, alcohol, and controlled substance parts as well.**

- Combination vehicle having a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight (whichever is greater) of more than **26,000** pounds
- Single vehicle having a gross weight rating or gross weight (whichever is greater) of more than 26,000 pounds
- A vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers (including the driver)
- A vehicle that is used in the transportation of hazardous materials that require to be placarded

The regulations are divided into “PARTS” and each part represents a certain section of the regulations.

Part 40 – Procedures for drug and alcohol testing programs

Part 382 – Controlled substances and alcohol use and testing

Part 383 – Commercial driver’s license standards

Part 385 – Safety fitness procedures

Part 387 – Minimum levels of financial responsibility

Part 390 – General

Part 391 – Qualification of drivers

Part 392 – Driving of commercial motor vehicles

Part 393 – Parts and accessories necessary for safe operation

Part 395 – Hours of service of drivers

Part 396 – Inspection repair and maintenance

Part 397 – Transportation of hazardous materials (see also HM regulation)