

WAC 480-30-231 Vehicle and driver identification. (1) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a passenger transportation company must ensure that all motor vehicles used to provide passenger transportation services are clearly and easily identifiable as being operated under the authority of the company.

(a) Each motor vehicle must display the certificate holder's name (or registered trade name) and certificate number on each side of the vehicle. A company with both intrastate and interstate operations may display its U.S. Department of Transportation identification number in addition to, or in place of, its commission-issued certificate number.

(b) Each motor vehicle operated in regular route service with scheduled stops must display a suitable destination sign.

(c) Each motor vehicle operated in transportation of passengers must display on the vehicle a company identification or unit number.

(d) All identifications must be:

(i) Legible, during daylight hours, from 50 feet while the motor vehicle is not moving.

(ii) In a color that contrasts with the background color of the motor vehicle.

(e) All company owned vehicles must have permanent identification.

(f) Permanent. **Exception:** Companies may use temporary markings on vehicles when operated under a lease agreement with a term of 30 calendar days or less.

(2) An auto transportation company must ensure that all drivers operating motor vehicles in the transportation of passengers are clearly and easily identifiable as driving under the authority of the company. Identification may include, but is not limited to, an identification badge or a uniform with a name tag identifying the driver by name or number. If applicable law prohibits the vehicle from being marked as required under subsection (1) of this section, the driver must have an identification badge or name tag clearly visible on the driver's person and must carry a sign at the point of pickup with the name of the certificated company and the name of the passenger(s) to be picked up clearly printed.

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