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MOTOR CARRIERS, EXCLUDING HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS AND COMMON CARRIER BROKERS

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WAC 480-14-010 Purpose and application. These rules require intrastate common carriers of property by motor vehicle to obtain and maintain intrastate common carrier operating permits, to file reports and pay regulatory fees, and to file and maintain evidence of required insurance coverage. The rules also require interstate carriers to secure appropriate authority from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and to register with the commission and pay fees as required by the Uniform Carrier Registration (UCR) program or any successor program.

WAC 480-14-020 Rules, general application of rules. (1) No rule contained in this chapter can be changed, altered or revised except by general order of the commission pursuant to the Washington State Administrative Procedure Act.

(2) The rules in this chapter are for general application only, and are subject to such changes and modifications as the commission may deem advisable from time to time, and also to such exceptions as may be considered just and reasonable in individual cases.

(3) A person requesting an exemption from any of these rules must direct his or her request to the commission at its Olympia headquarters office. The person must identify the rule from which exemption is sought and give a full explanation of the reason(s) the exemption is desired.

WAC 480-14-040 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) The term "common carrier" means any person who undertakes to transport property, including general commodities, materials transported by armored car service, and/or hazardous materials, for the general public by motor vehicle for compensation, including under individual contracts or agreements, and including motor vehicle operations of other carriers by rail or water and of express or forwarding companies. The term does not include household goods carriers, as defined by WAC 480-15-020, solid waste collection companies, as defined by WAC 480-70-041, or "exempt carriers."

(2) The term "exempt carrier" means any person operating a vehicle exempted from certain regulatory provisions under RCW 81.80.040.

(3) The term "carrier of hazardous materials" means any person who transports radioactive materials, hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances as defined in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations. Information about 49 C.F.R. regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-14-999.

(4) The term "carrier of general commodities" means any person transporting the property of others for compensation, except persons performing the service of transporting household goods as defined in WAC 480-15-020.

(5) The term "armored car service" means carriers transporting property of very high value (gold, silver, currency, valuable securities, jewels and other property of very high value) using specially constructed armored trucks and providing policy protection to safeguard freight while it is being transported and delivered. It also means carriers which operate ordinary equipment in the carriage of high value commodities when guards are necessary to accompany the shipment.

WAC 480-14-050 Procedures and documents. (1) Procedures. The commission's procedural rules are contained in chapter 480-07 WAC and apply to common carriers regulated under this chapter. If a rule in this chapter conflicts with a rule in chapter 480-07 WAC, the rule in this chapter applies.

(2) Documents. All petitions, complaints, applications for common carrier permits or extensions, or any other matter required to be served upon or filed with the Washington utilities and transportation commission must be served or filed upon the commission at its headquarters office as shown in WAC 480-04-035, upon the secretary of the commission. Any petition, complaint, application, or other matter required to be served upon or filed with the commission will not be considered served or filed until it is received at the headquarters office.

WAC 480-14-090 Permits. Permit holders must carry a copy of operating authority issued by the Washington utilities and transportation commission on each power unit operated in intrastate operations.

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WAC 480-14-100 Operations must be under permit name. Every common carrier must conduct its operations under its corporate, trade or assumed name as described in its permit. No common carrier may perform any carrier service, or hold itself out to perform such service, by advertisement or otherwise in any name other than its corporate, trade or assumed name as described in its permit.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-100, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

WAC 480-14-110 Improper use of permit or registration receipt. No person or firm may use a permit or registration receipt except the carrier to whom it was issued.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-110, filed 11/22/95, effective 11/30/95.]

WAC 480-14-120 Change of address. A carrier must immediately report to the commission in writing any change in the address of its principal place of business.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-120, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

WAC 480-14-140 Fees. Fees for applications are as follows:

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[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-140, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

WAC 480-14-150 Periodic reports and regulatory fees. (1) The commission may require, on an annual basis, a special report from each common carrier that operated within the state during the prior calendar year. The report must be filed on or before the first day of May, to cover the operations of the prior calendar year. The report must include a statement on oath showing the common carrier's gross operating revenue from intrastate operations during the prior calendar year.

(2) Each common carrier must pay a regulatory fee at the time it files a report. The regulatory fee is 0.0025 times the stated gross operating revenue, unless that rate is reduced or waived by commission order.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-150, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

WAC 480-14-160 Contested fees. (1) A person may contest any fee imposed by these rules.

(a) The person must first pay the fee.

(b) Within six months of the date the fee is due, the payor may petition the commission for a refund of the fee paid.

(c) The petition must be in writing and must include:

(i) The name of the payor/petitioner.

(ii) The date and the amount paid.

(iii) A copy of any receipt, if available.

(iv) The nature of the fee paid.

(v) The amount of the fee that is contested.

(vi) The statute under which the fee is imposed, if known.

(vii) Any reasons why the commission may not impose the fee.

(2) The commission may grant the petition administratively or may set the petition for adjudication or for brief adjudication.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-160, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

WAC 480-14-180 Applications for intrastate authority. No person may conduct operations as a common carrier in Washington intrastate commerce without having first obtained a permit from the commission to do so.

(1) Common carriers must apply to the commission to acquire permanent common carrier authority, to extend existing permanent common carrier authority, or to change a carrier name or business structure. Common carriers must apply on forms furnished by the commission and must include all the information, documents and exhibits called for in the form or the form's instructions. The commission may refuse to accept any application until all required information is supplied.

(2) The commission will not accept an application unless it is accompanied by the required fee as shown in WAC 480-14-140.

(3) The commission's acceptance of an application for filing does not indicate the commission's approval, nor is the
commission precluded from finding that the information presented in the application is insufficient.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.04.160. WSR 09-22-057 (Order R-555, Docket TV-090400), § 480-14-180, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-180, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

**WAC 480-14-190 Common carrier permits.** (1) The commission will issue a common carrier permit to any applicant that files an application satisfying the requirements of WAC 480-14-180 and that files insurance in accordance with the requirements of WAC 480-14-250.

(2) The commission may dismiss an incomplete application. The applicant may request a review of dismissal through a brief adjudicative proceeding, pursuant to WAC 480-07-610.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.04.160. WSR 09-22-057 (Order R-555, Docket TV-090400), § 480-14-190, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 80.04.160. WSR 03-24-028 (General Order R-510, Docket No. A-010648), § 480-14-190, filed 11/24/03, effective 1/1/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-190, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

**WAC 480-14-200 Armored car service.** Common carriers defined as providing "armored car service" under WAC 480-14-040(8), when transporting cash or coin with a value exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, are subject to the following provisions:

(1) The vehicle must be accompanied by at least two armed security guards qualified under chapter 18.170 RCW and chapter 308-18 WAC.

(2) When the vehicle is located in an unsecured area, one guard must remain within the area.

(3) Those portions of the vehicle surrounding the cargo and personnel must have a UL 752 Testing Certification to Level 1 Medium Powered Small Arms (MPSA); except that any vehicle owned by an armored car service and operated as an armored car prior to December 23, 1995, is exempt from this regulation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.04.160. WSR 09-22-057 (Order R-555, Docket TV-090400), § 480-14-200, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-200, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

**WAC 480-14-210 Change of carrier name and business structure.** (1) An application to change carrier name or business structure is required when:

(a) The carrier changes its registered name, with no change in ownership or business structure.

(b) The carrier changes its business structure:

(i) From an individual to a corporation or limited liability corporation (LLC), when the individual is the majority stockholder.

(ii) From an individual to a partnership, when the individual is the majority partner.

(iii) From a corporation or LLC to a proprietorship of the majority shareholder.

(iv) From a partnership to a proprietorship of the majority partner.

(c) The carrier changes its name because of a change in business structure from a partnership to a corporation or LLC when the partners are the majority stockholders in the same proportionate ownership.

(d) The carrier changes its name resulting from a change in business structure from a corporation or LLC to another corporation or LLC where both corporations are wholly owned by the same stockholders in the same proportions.

(2) A carrier must file a new permanent common carrier application when the resulting business entity does either more or less than assume all of the existing business.

(3) A carrier must file a new permanent common carrier application when the transaction involves the sale or acquisition of assets other than the property of the acquired or substituted business or if the carrier conducts different activities.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.04.160. WSR 09-22-057 (Order R-555, Docket TV-090400), § 480-14-210, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-210, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

**WAC 480-14-220 Application for reinstatement of a canceled permit.** (1) A common carrier may apply to reinstate a canceled permit within ten months of the cancellation date provided the carrier:

(a) Corrects the cause of cancellation.

(b) Satisfies any outstanding fees or filings.

(c) Submits the appropriate application and fee as required in WAC 480-14-140.

(2) If the common carrier does not file for reinstatement within ten months of cancellation, it must submit a new application for a common carrier permit under WAC 480-14-190 subject to all provisions in WAC 480-14-180.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.04.160. WSR 09-22-057 (Order R-555, Docket TV-090400), § 480-14-220, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-220, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

**WAC 480-14-230 Suspension and cancellation of a permit.** A common carrier may not operate any of its equipment while its permit is suspended or canceled.

(1) **Involuntary suspension.**

(a) The commission may suspend or cancel a carrier’s permit if the carrier fails to maintain evidence that it has insurance in effect for its operations as required by WAC 480-14-250.

(b) The commission will make a good faith effort to notify a carrier that its evidence of insurance is likely to become invalid. The commission may suspend or cancel any carrier who fails to maintain evidence of current insurance as required by WAC 480-14-250, whether or not it is able to provide advance notice.

(2) **Voluntary cancellation.** A carrier may request that its permit be canceled. The commission will enter an order canceling the permit. The commission will reinstate the permit, provided the carrier meets current entry requirements, if the carrier applies for reinstatement and pays the application fee within ten months of cancellation.

(3) **Involuntary cancellation.** The commission may cancel a permit because the carrier fails to:

(a) Pay required regulatory fees.

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(b) Demonstrate that the carrier has corrected the conditions leading to suspension within the time defined in the order of suspension.
(c) Provide information as required by the commission or submits false, misleading or inaccurate information.
(d) Maintain evidence of insurance as required by WAC 480-14-250.

(4) **Cancellation hearing.** The commission will hold a hearing prior to canceling a carrier's authority, pursuant to RCW 81.80.280, except when cancellation results from:

(a) Failure to maintain evidence of current insurance as required by WAC 480-14-250 and an adjudication or brief adjudication was held or was available to the carrier.
(b) Failure to correct causes of a suspension in which an adjudication or brief adjudication was held or was available to the carrier.

(c) A carrier whose permit is canceled may apply for reinstatement under WAC 480-14-220, or may apply for a new permit under WAC 480-14-180, if the carrier has corrected the causes of cancellation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040, 81.04.160, and 81.80.130. WSR 13-23-048 (Docket TV-130079, General Order R-572), § 480-14-230, filed 11/15/13, effective 12/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.80.160. WSR 09-22-057 (Order R-555, Docket TV-090400), § 480-14-230, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-230, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

**WAC 480-14-240 Inactive status of permits during military service.** (1) When the holder of a common carrier permit is called into or enters the military service of the United States and must cease its common carrier operations, the carrier may apply to the commission, at no charge, for inactive status. The written, informal application must include:

(a) The applicant's name and permit number.
(b) The branch of military service the applicant is to enter.
(c) The date upon which the applicant requests the inactive status to begin.

(d) A statement that the applicant will not permit its equipment to be operated under inactive status.

(2) Upon receipt of the properly completed application, the commission will place the permit in inactive status for the period of military service.

(3) The carrier must apply to reinstate its permit within six months after military service has ended. In its application, the carrier must state it will comply with the requirements of law governing its operations. The commission will grant reinstatement at no charge.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.04.160. WSR 09-22-057 (Order R-555, Docket TV-090400), § 480-14-240, filed 10/30/09, effective 11/30/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 34.05.350. WSR 95-24-001 (Order R-435, Docket No. TV-941290), § 480-14-240, filed 11/22/95, effective 12/23/95.]

**WAC 480-14-250 Insurance requirements.** (1) **Required insurance coverage.** Each applicant for common carrier authority and each common carrier must file with the commission evidence of currently effective liability and property damage insurance written by a company authorized to write such insurance in the state of Washington, covering each motor vehicle as defined in RCW 81.80.010 used or to be used under the permit.

(a) For vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings of ten thousand pounds or more, filings must be for the amounts shown on the following table:

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<td>1. Property (nonhazardous)</td>
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<td>2. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) 171.8 transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks, or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons; or in bulk Division 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 materials, Division 2.3, Hazard Zone A, or Division 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A material, in bulk Division 2.1 or 2.2; or highway route controlled quantities of a Class 7 material, as defined in 49 C.F.R. 173.403</td>
<td>$5,000,000</td>
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<td>3. Oil listed in 49 C.F.R. 172.101; hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances defined in 49 C.F.R. 171.8 and listed in 49 C.F.R. 172.101, but not mentioned in 2. above or in 4. below</td>
<td>$1,000,000</td>
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<td>4. Any quantity of Division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 material; any quantity of a Division 2.3, Hazard Zone A, or Division 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A material; or highway route controlled quantities of a Class 7 material, as defined in 49 C.F.R. 173.403</td>
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(b) For vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings less than ten thousand pounds, filings shall be for the amounts shown on the following table:

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(c) Insurance requirements do not apply to taxicabs whose only operation subject to commission jurisdiction is the operation of small parcel general freight service under a permit issued pursuant to chapter 81.80 RCW. Those taxicabs must comply with the provisions of RCW 46.72.040 and 46.72.050 in lieu of the above. However, all carriers must comply with the reporting requirements of this section.

(d) The commission may dismiss an application or suspend or cancel a permit if a carrier does not file proof that such insurance is in full force and effect.

(e) Carriers must submit evidence of insurance by a Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Certificate of Insurance (Form E), Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Surety Bond (Form G), or a written binder evidencing the required coverage. A binder may not be effective for longer than sixty days, during which time the carrier must file the Form E or Form G.

(2) **Continuing proof of insurance.** A carrier must file evidence of continued insurance with the commission not less than ten days prior to the termination date of the current insurance.
(3) Insurance endorsement. All liability and property damage insurance policies issued to common carriers must carry a "uniform motor carrier bodily injury and property damage liability endorsement."

(4) Insurance termination. All insurance policies issued under the requirements of chapter 81.80 RCW must provide that the coverage continues in full force and effect unless and until canceled by at least thirty days' written notice served on the insured and the commission by the insurance company. The thirty days' notice must commence to run from the date notice is actually received by the commission.

(a) An insurance binder may be canceled on ten days' written notice.

(b) The carrier or carrier's insurance company must notify the commission of cancellation or expiration by filing a Notice of Cancellation (Form K) no less than thirty days before the cancellation or expiration effective date.

(c) The carrier or carrier's insurance company must provide notice of cancellation or expiration not more than sixty days before the termination date, except binders which may be canceled on ten days' written notice.

WAC 480-14-290 Interstate operations. No person may perform interstate transportation service for compensation upon the public roads of this state without first having secured appropriate authority from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) or its successor agency.

WAC 480-14-300 Interstate carrier fees. A carrier operating under interstate authority issued by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) or its successor agency must register with the commission and pay fees as required by the Uniform Carrier Registration (UCR) program or any successor program as required by the laws and rules of USDOT.

WAC 480-14-999 Adoption by reference. In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publication, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resource is within Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(1) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 5, 2012, for 49 C.F.R. Parts 171, 172 and 173.

(2) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-14-250 (Insurance requirements).
