

Owner-operator DOT compliance checklist

For a for-hire interstate owner-operator running under their own authority. Requirements depend on what you haul and where you run; the page explains each item.

Your authority and registrations

- ☐ USDOT number and operating authority active, with the insurance filing and BOC-3 on file
Parts 365, 366, 387
- ☐ UCR registered and paid for the current year at ucr.gov
49 CFR 367.50
- ☐ MCS-150 updated on its 24-month schedule, and whenever your operation changes
§ 390.19T
- ☐ IFTA license and decals, and IRP plates, if the truck is over 26,000 pounds or has three or more axles and runs in two or more jurisdictions
IFTA R245, R305
- ☐ Form 2290 filed and the stamped Schedule 1 kept, if the truck is 55,000 pounds or more
IRS Form 2290

Your own driver file (you are the carrier and the driver)

- ☐ A driver qualification file on yourself, with the annual motor vehicle record and your review of it
§ 391.51
- ☐ Medical certificate current, with the National Registry verification note
§ 391.43, § 391.23(m)
- ☐ CDL valid for the class and endorsements of what you drive
§ 383.23

Drug and alcohol

- ☐ Enrolled in a consortium with a random testing pool
§ 382.115, § 382.305
- ☐ A verified negative pre-employment drug test before your first load
§ 382.301
- ☐ Registered in the Clearinghouse, a C/TPA designated, the pre-employment full query and the annual query run
§ 382.701

The truck and the logs

- ☐ Periodic inspection within the last 12 months, with the documentation on the truck
§ 396.17
- ☐ A maintenance file for the truck, and any defect reported on an inspection report repaired and certified
§ 396.3, § 396.11
- ☐ Records of duty status on a registered ELD, unless an exception applies
§ 395.8

The calendar

- ☐ IFTA returns: April 30, July 31, October 31, January 31 (next business day on a weekend or holiday)
- ☐ UCR for next year between October 1 and December 31
- ☐ Medical card, annual MVR and review, annual Clearinghouse query and annual inspection, each on its own anniversary