

# NOTICE

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## PRIOR TO INSPECTION:

The owner or operator of a vehicle shall present evidence of financial responsibility to the inspection station in one of the following ways:

1. A liability insurance policy, or a copy of the policy, in at least the minimum amounts required by law (Texas minimum requirements are \$30,000/\$60,000/\$25,000)
2. A standard proof of liability insurance form promulgated by the Texas Department of Insurance and issued by a liability insurer that includes:
  - A. The name of the Insurer;
  - B. The insurance policy number
  - C. The policy period (dates of coverage and issued for 30 days or more);
  - D. The name and address of each insured person;
  - E. The policy limit or a statement that the coverage of the policy complies with at least the minimum amounts of liability insurance required by this Act; and,
  - F. The make and model of each covered vehicle.
3. An insurance binder that confirms that the owner and/or operator is in compliance.
4. A copy of a certificate issued by the Department of Public Safety that shows that the vehicle is covered by self-insurance.
5. A certificate (or copy) issued by the State Comptroller that shows that the owner of the vehicle has on deposit with the comptroller money or securities in at least the amount required by law.
6. A certificate (or copy of a certificate) issued by the Department of Public Safety that shows that the vehicle is a vehicle for which a bond is on file with the Department.
7. A copy of a certificate issued by the County Judge where the vehicle is registered that shows that the owner has on deposit, cash or a cashier's check in at least the amount required by law.
- \*\*\*8. Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Carrier Registration Certificates (cab cards), including:
  - A. Commercial Motor Vehicle Registration Certificates;
  - B. Commercial Motor Vehicles registered under the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) which is a paperless system, that must be checked on the website, [www.safersys.org](http://www.safersys.org);
  - C. Household goods carrier registration certificates
  - D. Tow Truck Registration certificates

**NOTE:** Evidence of Financial Responsibility must be furnished for the TOWING VEHICLE of any trailer, semitrailer, or pole trailer presented for inspection.

**AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE MAY NOT BE ISSUED FOR A VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE OWNER OR OPERATOR FAILS TO FURNISH THE REQUIRED EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

## VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM THIS REQUIREMENT

1. GOVERNMENT VEHICLES: U.S., State, County, City
2. Vehicles registered to Volunteer Fire Departments
3. Vehicles registered with "Antique" License Plates

The general financial responsibility requirements for operating a motor vehicle in the State of Texas are found in Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 601. However, Texas Transportation Code, Section 601.007(c), provides that Chapter 601 does not apply to a motor vehicle that is subject to Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 643. Chapter 643 contains the financial responsibility requirements for operating a commercial motor vehicle in the State of Texas. The owner or operator of a commercial vehicle required to register with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles under Chapter 643 shall present evidence of financial responsibility to the inspection station in one of the following ways:

Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Carrier Registration Certificates (Cab Cards), including:

- A. Commercial Motor Vehicles Registration Certificates, which can be verified at the following website: [http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps/mccs/mccs\\_frame\\_search\\_collector.htm](http://apps.dot.state.tx.us/apps/mccs/mccs_frame_search_collector.htm)
- B. Commercial Motor Vehicles registered under the Unified Carrier Registration Act (UCR), which is a paperless system, that must be checked via the following website, [www.safesys.org](http://www.safesys.org);
- C. Household Goods Carrier Registration Certificates

Type of Motor Carrier Operation	Description	Minimum Insurance Requirement
1 - HAZ	<b>Transporters of Hazardous Substances (that require placarding)</b>	
	a. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §171.8, transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks or hopper-type vehicles, with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons; or any quantity of Division 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 materials, any quantity of 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 CFR §173.403	\$5,000,000
	b. Oil listed in 49 CFR §172.101: hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances as defined in 49 CFR §171.8 and listed in 49 CFR §172.101, but not mentioned in paragraphs (a) or (b) of this subsection and petroleum products that are lubricants or fuels	\$1,000,000
2 - BUS	<b>Commercial School Bus Operators</b>	
	For-hire school buses operating within the boundaries of a municipality and transporting preprimary, primary or secondary school students on a route between the students' residence and a public, private or parochial school or day-care facility	\$500,000
3 - BUS	<b>Bus Operators</b>	
	a. Vehicles designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver) but less than 26 passengers (not including the driver)	\$500,000
	b. Vehicles designed or used to transport 26 passengers or more (not including the driver)	\$5,000,000
4 - BUS	<b>Foreign Domiciled Bus Operators</b>	
	a. Vehicles designed or used to transport 15 passengers or less (including the driver)	\$1,500,000
	b. Vehicles designed or used to transport 16 passengers or more (including the driver)	\$5,000,000
5 - HHG	<b>Household Goods Movers</b>	
	a. Gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less	\$300,000
	b. Gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds	\$500,000
	c. Cargo insurance must be filed on Form H & I with the following limits	Per Shipment \$5,000 Aggregate \$10,000
6	<b>Foreign Carriers</b>	
	(Domiciled outside of the U.S.A.) transporting cargo other than cargo listed above	\$750,000
7 - OTHER	<b>All Others</b>	
	Private or for-hire motor carriers with a gross weight, registered weight or gross weight rating in excess of 26,000 pounds	\$500,000

Tow Truck Registration Certificates - issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation – which can be verified at the following website: <http://www.license.state.tx.us/LicenseSearch/>