FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ARKANSAS INTRASTATE OPERATING AUTHORITY

Who Needs Intrastate Operating Authority?
All for-hire motor carriers transporting property or passengers in intrastate commerce (wholly within) are required to apply for authority to operate in Arkansas.

Why do I Need Authority?
The registration process promotes motor carrier safety and, because it requires continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

Who is Exempt from Intrastate Operating Authority Requirements?
A complete list of exemptions can be found by clicking here.

What if I transport only within a city limit?
If you do not go so many miles outside your Commercial Zone then you do not need to apply for Intrastate authority. Please click here to see the formula for the Commercial Zone.

What if I transport my own freight?
If you are a private carrier and transport your own freight you do not need an authority. Intrastate authority is for fire-hire carriers only.

What if I am leased on with another company as a transporter?
If you are leased under a carrier that transports for-hire then you do not need an authority; if you receive payment directly you will need to obtain an authority.

I have Interstate operating authority. Do I need Arkansas Intrastate authority?
Yes. You will still need to apply for an intrastate authority; however you will only pay your yearly renewal through the FMCSA, UCR system.

How do I get intrastate operating authority?
To obtain Arkansas intrastate operating authority, you must submit a complete application with proper payment and a current proof of Public Liability and Property Damage insurance in the amounts set out in Rule 13.1. A certificate of insurance or ACORD form is required.

Do I have to renew my permit?
Yes, Arkansas intrastate permits are renewed yearly. If you operate both intrastate and interstate authority, you are only required to pay your yearly renewal fees under the UCR system.
What are the minimum insurance requirements to operate for-hire?
Submit a copy of your current proof of Public Liability and Property Damage insurance in the amounts set out in Rule 13.1. Please click here to see the amounts set out in Rule 13.1.