

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS
MOTOR CARRIERS DIVISION**

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Any Applicant seeking authority to operate within Rhode Island as a common carrier must complete and file an application with the Motor Carriers Section of the Division. Applicants seeking authority to operate must submit \$250.00 at the time of filing (check or money orders only; no cash accepted).

Upon receipt of a complete application, the Clerk of the Motor Carriers Division will schedule a public hearing. The Applicant will receive direct notice, by first class mail, of the hearing date. In addition, the time and date of the scheduled hearing will be published in the legal notices section of the Providence Journal. The notice will be published at least ten (10) days before the scheduled hearing.

Hearings will only be continued for good cause and with the approval of the Hearing Officer.

An applicant wishing to withdraw an application must do so, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled hearing, by sending such request to the Clerk of the Motor Carriers Division.

For an application to be approved, the Applicant must prove, at the hearing, that it is fit, willing and able to perform the services for which it is seeking operating authority.

In addition, Applicants seeking authority to operate as a taxicab or limited public motor vehicle; or, as a jitney or water carrier, must prove that public convenience and necessity requires that the Division approve its application. To meet this burden of proof, the Division strongly encourages Applicants to offer witnesses in support of any assertion that public convenience and necessity require that the Division grant an operating certificate to the Applicant.

An Applicant seeking to transfer a certificate of operating authority must also prove that the Transferor has been actively operating under its certificate for the past sixty (60) days. In the case of taxicabs or limited public motor vehicles, this requirement is even more stringent - the Applicant must prove that the Transferor has been actively operating under its certificate for the past six (6) months.

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If your application for operating authority is approved:

An Order will be issued by the Division directing the Applicant to comply with several terms and conditions before a certificate is issued.

Generally, the Order will allow the Applicant ninety (90) days to fulfill such terms and conditions.

At the minimum, they are:

- 1) Have each vehicle that will be used in the operation visually inspected by a Motor Carriers Division Compliance Officer and then register it with the Motor Carriers Division of the DPUC
 - \$20.00 fee per vehicle
- 2) File certificate of insurance with the Motor Carriers Division of the DPUC
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- 3) File tariff with the Motor Carriers Division of the DPUC
 - \$50.00 fee for tariffs that require review and issuance of a Division Order
 - No fee imposed if the Applicant is simply "signing on" to a tariff established for the entire industry

The Hearing Officer may impose additional requirements which will be set forth in the individual Order which is issued relating to your Application.

**REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A TAXICAB OR
LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLE**

APPLICATION # _____ DOCKET # _____

CHECK/MONEY ORDER # _____ ISSUING BANK _____

*****(above is for office use only)*****

Taxicabs and Limited Public Motor Vehicles are governed by R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 39-14 and the Division's Rules and Regulations Governing Transportation of Passengers via Taxicab and Limited Public Motor Vehicle. The Applicant must prove that it is **fit, willing and able** to perform as a taxicab or limited public motor vehicle operator; and also, that **public convenience and necessity** requires a new taxicab or limited public motor vehicle operator in the State.

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO OPERATE _____ TAXICAB(S) and/or

_____ LIMITED PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE CITIES AND/OR TOWNS OF:

1. APPLICATION OF: _____
(Name of individual, partnership, corporation or business)

Business address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Federal ID Number: _____

Email address: _____

2. Names and addresses of all partners, officers and directors:

3. Provide the date and place of birth and copy of driver's license of the applicant(s), partners, officers and/or directors:

4. If the applicant(s), partners, officers or directors has/have experienced a change of name, resulting from marriage, legal name change, etc., state the details of the name change:

GENERAL FITNESS QUESTIONS:

Are you a legal citizen of the United States? _____. If not, please attach documentation of your immigration status.

Have the applicant(s), partners, officers and/or directors ever previously applied for a common carrier certificate from the DPUC? _____. If yes, what type of certificate was requested and what was the outcome of the application request?

Have the applicant(s), partners, officers and/or directors ever been charged with or convicted of any criminal offense, either state or federal? If yes, explain.

Have the applicant(s), partners, officers and/or directors been charged with a traffic violation within the last six (6) years? If yes, explain.

Describe the motor vehicle(s) to be operated by the applicant(s) in this business:

Describe any experience the applicant possesses in the industry:

In order to obtain a certificate to operate as a taxicab or limited public motor vehicle business within Rhode Island the Applicant must **prove** that public convenience and necessity require a new taxicab or limited public motor vehicle company in the territories requested. Explain why public convenience and necessity support approval of this request.

FINANCIAL FITNESS QUESTIONS – Answers must be accurate as of the date of filing. (You may choose to attach a financial statement in addition to answering these questions.)

Assets: Cash on hand: _____

Total value of motor vehicle(s) to be operated in this business: _____

Total value of other property (buildings, etc.): _____

Total value of investments, etc.: _____

Total of accounts receivable: _____

Liabilities:

Total of outstanding business loans: _____

Total of any other debts or liabilities: _____

OATH

I (We) _____

being duly sworn, state that I am (We are) qualified and authorized to file and verify this application, that I (We) have carefully examined all the statements and answers contained in the application and that all such statements and answers set forth herein are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant(s) before Notary Public

Subscribed and Sworn to before me at _____, in the state of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed name of Notary Public

Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM

Print or type **name**, **date of birth** and **place of birth** of applicant (if an individual), or of all office holders (if applicant is a corporation, partnership, etc.)

I (we) are seeking certification as a common carrier in Rhode Island. I (we) hereby direct and authorize the Division of Criminal Identification of the Attorney General's Office for the State of Rhode Island to make available to the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers any information on file in reference to me (us.)

I (we) hereby release the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, the State of Rhode Island, and the Division of Criminal Identification of the Attorney General's Office for the State of Rhode Island, collectively and individually, from all legal responsibility or liability that may arise from the release of such criminal records, and I (we) hereby waive all rights of action in both law and equity which I may not have or later acquire as the result of the release of such criminal records.

Signature of Applicant(s) before Notary Public

Subscribed and Sworn to before me at _____, in the state of _____, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Printed name of Notary Public

Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Social Security Disclosure/Release Form

Provide the Social Security Number of the applicant(s), partners, officers and/or directors:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Providing your Social Security Number to the Division is not mandatory. You may legally refuse to comply with this request. Whether you agree to disclose your Social Security Number is entirely a voluntary decision.

The Division is charged with the responsibility of determining whether you are “fit” before it is able to grant you the authority being requested through the instant application. The basis of this requirement is contained in the following Sections of the Rhode Island General Laws: §39-1-1, §39-1-15, §39-1-38, §39-3-2, §39-12-4, §39-12-5, §39-12-7, §39-12-32, §39-13-2, §39-14-2, §39-14-4.1, § 39-14-12, §39-14-14, §39-14-20, §39-14.1-3 and §39-14.1-8.

The Division has requested that you provide it with your Social Security Number so that it may better evaluate your “fitness” with regard to the regulatory authority you seek. The “fitness” evaluation includes a criminal background and a legal residency investigation. The Division may also employ other means to conduct the fitness evaluation. Providing your Social Security Number to the Division will help expedite the evaluation process.

Your Social Security Number will also be used as a unique internal identifying number.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

***THIS SHEET TO BE DETACHED BY DIVISION PERSONNEL AND MAINTAINED AS CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT**