NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Department of Motor Vehicles

INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CARRIERS TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS

*Most vehicles that are registered by carriers to transport passengers must pass inspection before they will be registered by DMV. We will **not** issue a ten-day inspection extension for these vehicles.*

1. VEHICLES THAT MUST HAVE PROOF OF INSPECTION BEFORE BEING REGISTERED

A. ANY VEHICLE CARRYING PASSENGERS THAT:

1. must be inspected by
   a. the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) **OR**
   b. the New York State Heavy Vehicle Inspection Program (NYS HV)
2. and that operates under a certificate of inspection authorized by the federal Department of Transportation

A vehicle operating under authority of the U.S. Department of Transportation, which does not also have a NYS DOT certificate of commercial operating authority, may satisfy the NYS inspection requirement by providing proof of inspection from any periodic inspection program approved by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. For more information, see pages 3-4.

B. VEHICLES PREVIOUSLY JUNKED:

There are special registration and inspection requirements for vehicles previously junked. In addition to the other inspections, the vehicle must be cleared by the Auto Theft Prevention Program. For more information about requirements for junk vehicles, contact:

NYS DMV

Auto Theft & Salvage Unit
Room 433
Albany NY 12228
(518) 474-0955

2. AFFECTED REGISTRATION TRANSACTIONS

If a vehicle must pass inspection before it can be registered, proof of inspection in the registrant's name** is required to:

1. REGISTER a vehicle for the first time
2. RENEW a vehicle registration
3. TRANSFER PLATES to a different vehicle
4. CHANGE a registration because of a change in ownership, partnership, vehicle year, vehicle identification number, or registration class. (Proof of inspection is not required to correct an error on a registration.)

** Note for LONG-TERM LESSEES: anyone registering a vehicle, who has the use and possession of the vehicle, under a lease or otherwise, for more than 30 days, must have proof of inspection in his or her name.

3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

All vehicles covered by this requirement must pass a safety inspection, and all vehicles that are not exempt must pass an emissions inspection. If required, the emissions inspection is conducted at the same time as the safety inspection. Vehicles registered in Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk (except Fisher's Island) and Westchester counties must pass a High-Enhanced Emissions test or a Diesel Emissions test as required.

The person in whose name the vehicle is registered is responsible for meeting these requirements. All inspections (except NYS DOT inspection) must be done annually. The NYS DOT inspection is required every 6 months.

4. VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM PROVIDING PROOF OF INSPECTION AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

Vehicles that must be inspected by NYS DOT, buses inspected by the NYS Heavy Vehicle Program (NYS HV), or vehicles subject to operating authority are required to have proof of inspection before registration. If a vehicle must have the DMV safety and emissions inspection, then proof is not required at the time of registration; at the customer's request, a Motor Vehicles office may issue a ten-day inspection extension certificate for these vehicles.

Following are some samples of vehicles for which proof of inspection is not required before registration:

- a vehicle owned by the registrant for his or her personal use, that is also used to transport only his or her own child under age 21, for compensation, to school and school-type activities
- ambulances
- hearses
- a vehicle with historical or vintage license plates
- a vehicle which transports passengers that is owned and operated by a municipality or public authority. However, if the municipality grants an operating franchise to a vendor to provide transportation within that municipality, buses operated by that vendor must be inspected by NYS DOT
- any vehicle with seating capacity for 14 or fewer passengers, not including the driver, IF A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT THE VEHICLE DOES NOT REQUIRE INSPECTION BY NYS DOT
- a vehicle which has been exempted by letter from NYS DOT and is not required to be inspected by the New York State Heavy Vehicle Inspection Program.

5. VEHICLES REQUIRING NYS DOT INSPECTION

The following are general rules. If you have any question about whether a vehicle requires NYS DOT inspection, contact any NYS DOT office on page 3.

A. Vehicles Used To Transport Passengers Under Age 21, to and from the following, require NYS DOT inspection:
   1. places of academic or vocational instruction;
   2. places of religious services and/or religious instruction;
   3. day camps and/or day-care centers;
   4. places for the care or training of persons who have a physical or mental disability.

DOT inspection **IS REQUIRED** for vehicles that are registered by organizations that meet the definition of "School" in Section 1.03(11) of the NYS Mental Hygiene Law *(a residential facility for the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled, or a facility for the treatment, training or education of the mentally retarded and developmentally disabled, under the jurisdiction of, or certificated by, the commissioner of mental retardation and developmental disabilities)* if passengers under the age of 21 are transported to or from school programs approved by the State Education Department.

- NOTE: THE RULES IN "A" ABOVE CAN APPLY TO ANY VEHICLE REGARDLESS OF
  - type
  - ownership
  - whether compensation is received

B. OTHER VEHICLES TRANSPORTING PASSENGERS

NYS DOT inspection is required for all vehicles that transport passengers under a certificate or permit issued by:
- U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT)
- NYS DOT

C. VEHICLES REQUIRING OPERATING AUTHORITY

Many individuals, organizations and enterprises transporting passengers for hire (for example, large commercial bus carriers) must have NYS DOT authority (commercial operating authority) to be in business. If commercial operating authority is required, any vehicle being used to provide that transportation service must have NYS DOT inspection.

Some types of for-hire transportation services for passengers do not require operating authority. However, a vehicle used in such exempt operations (see list below) still has to have a NYS DOT inspection if such vehicle is used to transport passengers under age 21, as described in "A." above.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES EXEMPT FROM OPERATING AUTHORITY:
- casual transportation not available to the public, and provided by a not-for-profit enterprise
- casual transportation by an individual or business not engaged in transportation as a regular occupation or business
- non-profit car pools
- sight-seeing services
- ambulances under the jurisdiction of the NYS Department of Health
- transportation provided directly by a municipality or public authority*
- transportation for the exclusive use of employees provided under contract with an employer
- taxi or livery service in vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 lbs. and under
- transportation to and from schools and school-type activities

* such vehicles are exempt from inspection by the authority of DMV regulation.

6. PROOF OF NYS DOT INSPECTION

You must provide an MC300 (Vehicle Inspection Report), issued by NYS DOT, showing that the vehicle has passed inspection some time in the six months before the vehicle is registered.

- The report must be issued to the registrant. You must provide the original document whether you are registering the vehicle in-person or by mail; we cannot accept a copy of this report. DMV will keep this report.
- Registrants of vehicles not regulated by NYS DOT must provide the original letter from the Supervising DOT Motor Vehicle Inspector.

7. ARRANGING FOR NYS DOT INSPECTION

To arrange an inspection, contact the nearest DOT regional office (see below*). If required, you must have NYS DOT commercial operating authority before your vehicle inspection will be scheduled. DOT does not have vehicle inspection sites, so in most cases, inspectors will come to your place of business. If you do not have the appropriate inspection facilities, the inspector will tell you what to do. There is no fee for this inspection.

For more information go to https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/bus or contact the nearest regional office at:

Region No. 1
50 Wolf Road POD 53
ALBANY NY 12232
(518) 485-5469

Region No. 3 & 7
333 E. Washington Street
SYRACUSE NY 13202
(315) 428-4387

Region No. 5
100 Seneca Street
BUFFALO NY 14203
(716) 847-3996

Region No. 10
NYS Office Building
250 Veterans Memorial Highway
HAUPPAUGE NY 11788
(631) 952-6022

Region No. 2 & 9
207 Genesee Street
UTICA NY 13501
(315) 793-2459

Region No. 4 & 6
1530 Jefferson Road
ROCHESTER NY 14623
(585) 478-6350

Region No. 8
200 Bradhurst Ave
HAWTHORNE NY 10532
(917) 647-0743

Region No. 11
Hunters Point Plaza
LONG ISLAND CITY NY 11101
(718) 482-4754

8. VEHICLES REQUIRING NYS HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTION

Vehicles that are used to carry passengers, that must be inspected under the Heavy Vehicle Program, are vehicles that carry 15 or more passengers, not including the driver. Vehicles excluded from this requirement are:

A. vehicles requiring inspection by NYS DOT (see page 2)
B. transit system vehicles owned and operated by a public authority or municipality.

9. HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTION STATIONS

These inspection sites are privately owned, and are licensed by DMV's Division of Vehicle Safety. Each inspection station is required to display a sign showing its facility number, and to post the fee it charges for the inspection.

Some heavy vehicle inspection stations are listed in the yellow pages of phone directories under "Trucks, Repair and Service". Also, heavy vehicle inspection stations may be located quickly and easily by using the facility look-up feature on the DMV website at http://dmv.ny.gov/faclookup/default.html

10. PROOFS REQUIRED UNDER THE NYS HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTION PROGRAM

A. A Retail Certificate of Sale (MV-50) with the inspection date, facility number, inspection certificate number and expiration date entered on the form. This form is issued by a vehicle dealer who sells or transfers a vehicle. **OR**
B. One copy of a statement on inspection station letterhead or billhead, with the following information:
   - name and address of registrant
   - vehicle information, including vehicle identification number, year, make, model and color
   - statement: "Heavy Vehicle Safety Inspection Certificate #_____ expiring _____ issued." and, if required, "Emissions Inspection Certificate # _____, expiring_____ issued." The inspector will provide the inspection certificate number(s) and expiration date(s).
   - inspector's signature and certification number
   - date of inspection
   - inspection station facility number

   DMV will keep this copy.

11. USING PROOF OF INSPECTION FROM ANOTHER STATE OR PROVINCE

Generally, you need proof of inspection by either the NYS DOT or the NYS Heavy Vehicle Program. However, there are three situations in which you can use proof of inspection from an out-of-state program:

A. apportioned vehicles may use proof of inspection from any approved out-of-state program or from NYS DOT. It will be valid until the expiration date on the out-of-state certificate, as long as the vehicle remains registered or apportioned in that state or province, as well as in NYS.
B. a vehicle carrying passengers and operating under authority of the U.S. Department of Transportation, which does not have NYS DOT commercial operating authority, may use proof of inspection from any approved program.
C. if you have just become a resident of New York State, we will accept a certificate of inspection issued by another state or province ONLY for a vehicle that otherwise would require inspection in the NYS Heavy Vehicle Inspection program *(see Section 8 above)*. It will be valid until the expiration date of the out-of-state certificate, or for one year from the date your New York registration begins, **whichever comes sooner.**
   If your vehicle meets the requirements for inspection by NYS DOT, and the out-of-state inspection certification DOES NOT meet the requirements described in "A" and "B" above, we cannot accept the proof of inspection by an out-of-state program. Section 7 tells you how to arrange for NYS DOT inspection.

12. APPROVED OUT-OF-STATE PROGRAMS

To meet NYS DOT requirements, an out-of-state inspection must be conducted by a safety inspection program approved by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

The following states and provinces/territories of Canada have approved programs:

States

Alabama	District of Columbia	Maine	New Hampshire	Pennsylvania	Vermont
Arkansas	Hawaii	Maryland	New Jersey	Rhode Island	Virginia
California	Illinois	Michigan	Ohio	Texas	West Virginia
Connecticut	Louisiana	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Utah	Wisconsin

Canadian Provinces and Territories:

Alberta	Manitoba	Newfoundland	Ontario	Quebec	Yukon Territory
British Columbia	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Prince Edward Island	Saskatchewan	

13. WHAT PROOFS OF OUT-OF-STATE INSPECTION DO I NEED?

You may use a document issued by a periodic inspection program approved by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The documents issued by approved programs vary (for example, this form could be a report issued by a federal or state inspector, or it could also be from a mechanic who works for the company that is certified to perform the inspections). If the only document issued is a vehicle sticker, DMV will accept the registrant's certification of inspection.

14. TRANSPORTING A VEHICLE TO AN INSPECTION SITE

If your vehicle does not already have a currently valid registration issued by New York State, you may transport your vehicle with an in-transit permit. In-transit permits are available at any Motor Vehicles office. You must show proof of ownership, identity and insurance to qualify. There is a fee for this permit.

Another option is available if your vehicle requires inspection by NYS DOT. You may obtain a special version of the in-transit permit, called the Temporary Operating Permit (TE265), directly from NYS DOT inspection staff. To qualify, you must show proof of ownership, identity and insurance. The permit fee will be collected by Motor Vehicles staff when the vehicle is registered. For more information on the Temporary Operating Permit, contact the nearest DOT regional office (see page 3), or ask your DOT inspector.

Vehicles previously junked need a special permit. See Section 17 below.

15. TO REGISTER

With one exception, you may register a vehicle at any Motor Vehicles office. Registrants of a vehicle with taxi plates, whose address is in one of the five boroughs of New York City, must go to the New York Motor Vehicles office at 11 Greenwich Street in Manhattan.

16. IF THE VEHICLE FAILS INSPECTION

Each inspection program allows time to have necessary repairs done and to have a vehicle re-inspected if it fails the first inspection. If a vehicle fails inspection and does not pass re-inspection, or if it is not brought in for reinspection:

- DMV cannot register the vehicle, and
- the vehicle must not be operated on the road.

Vehicles being transported to have repairs made so it can pass re-inspection, or to travel to inspection sites, must have some temporary operating authority - a DMV in-transit permit, a DOT out-of-service permit, or a DOT Temporary Operating Permit (DOT in-transit permit). The vehicle may not be used to carry passengers for hire until it passes inspection and is registered.

Vehicles requiring DOT inspection must pass inspection every 6 months. IF A VEHICLE FAILS THIS INTERIM INSPECTION, OR IS NOT BROUGHT IN FOR THE SCHEDULED INSPECTION:

- it must not be operated on the road
- under no circumstances may it be used to transport passengers for-hire
- the license plates must be turned in to a Motor Vehicles office.

17. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

- from DMV form:
  - Registering/Titling a Vehicle in New York State (MV-82.1)
  - Registro/Titulo De Un Vehiculo En El Estado De Nueva York (MV-82.1S)
- by contacting

<u>About Junk & Salvage Vehicles</u>
NYS DMV
Auto Theft & Salvage Unit
Room 433
Albany NY 12228
(518) 474-0955

<u>About NYS DOT Inspection</u>
See the list of DOT Regional offices on page 3.

<u>About NYS Heavy Vehicle Inspection</u>
DMV Vehicle Safety Services
(518) 474-5282 (select Option 4)

- from any Motor Vehicles office.