



1           An adopted amendment to §218.2 adds a definition for the term “for-hire motor carrier” for  
2 clarity and consistency because the term is included in current §218.2(b)(14) in the definition for “farm  
3 vehicle” and in adopted new §218.13(k). Adopted amendments to §218.2 also renumber the definitions  
4 due to the adoption of the new definition for the term “for-hire motor carrier.”

5           An adopted amendment to §218.13(a)(3)(A) deletes a sentence that says, “An authorized  
6 representative of the applicant who files an application with the department on behalf of an applicant  
7 may be required to provide written proof of authority to act on behalf of the applicant.” The deletion is  
8 necessary to prevent any conflict with the language in adopted new §218.13(j) and (l). As stated below,  
9 adopted new §218.13(l) expands this language for all applicants under Chapter 218 and for a motor carrier  
10 with a certificate of registration. A person who submits an application on behalf of a motor carrier might  
11 not be the only authorized representative or the current authorized representative for the motor carrier.

12           Adopted amendments to §218.13(i) clarify that the requirement for a motor carrier to update  
13 certain information in the department’s online system only applies if the motor carrier has a certificate of  
14 registration that has not expired and has not been revoked.

15           Adopted new §218.13(j) requires a sole proprietor motor carrier with an unexpired certificate of  
16 registration to notify the department of the sole proprietor’s imprisonment for a reason that would cause  
17 automatic revocation of the motor carrier’s certificate of registration by operation of law under  
18 Occupations Code, §53.021(b). This reporting is necessary as a means for the department to learn about  
19 a motor carrier’s imprisonment because this information is not automatically reported to the department  
20 by state or federal law enforcement agencies. The department has access to criminal history record  
21 information regarding convictions under Texas law under Government Code, §411.122(d)(24), but the  
22 department is not notified when a motor carrier is imprisoned due to a conviction under Texas law. Also,  
23 the department does not receive notice regarding convictions under federal law or the law of a U.S. state

1 other than Texas because the department does not have access to criminal history record information  
2 that is maintained or indexed through the Federal Bureau of Investigation under Government Code,  
3 §411.12511 regarding a conviction of a motor carrier with a certificate of registration under  
4 Transportation Code, Chapter 643.

5 The department adopts §218.13(j) with an amendment at adoption to clarify that the sole  
6 proprietor is not required to use an authorized representative to provide the required notice to the  
7 department if the sole proprietor is able to do it. For this reason, the department also adopts  
8 §218.13(k)(4)(G) with an amendment at adoption to clarify that the sole proprietor shall only provide the  
9 department with the name and phone number of the sole proprietor's authorized representative if  
10 applicable.

11 Adopted new §218.13(j)(1)(A) refers to adopted new 43 TAC §211.25 of this title (relating to  
12 Criminal Offense Guidelines; Imprisonment), which the department published in this issue of the *Texas*  
13 *Register*, because adopted new 43 TAC §211.25 defines the offenses that the department has determined  
14 are directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a motor carrier with a certificate of registration  
15 under Transportation Code, Chapter 643.

16 Adopted new §218.13(k) provides the deadline for the notice under adopted new §218.13(j), so  
17 the department can timely update its records, which the department, law enforcement, and potential  
18 customers of a motor carrier rely on. Under adopted new §218.13(k), the deadline for the notice under  
19 adopted new §218.13(j) is within 15 days of the date the sole proprietor is imprisoned if the imprisonment  
20 occurs on or after May 1, 2026. The notice requirement under adopted new §218.13(j) only applies to an  
21 imprisonment that occurs on or after May 1, 2026, because the adopted amendments to §218.13 and  
22 adopted new §211.25 will become effective on May 1, 2026.

1           Adopted new §218.13(k) also requires the notice under adopted new §218.13(j) to be sent to the  
2 department using the email address listed on the department’s website for this purpose because the  
3 department’s system is not currently programmed to allow such notices to be provided within the  
4 department’s system. In addition, adopted new §218.13(k) requires the notice to the department under  
5 adopted new §218.13(j) to contain the sole proprietor’s name; the sole proprietor’s certificate of  
6 registration number under Transportation Code, Chapter 643; the date the sole proprietor was  
7 imprisoned; the reason the sole proprietor was imprisoned using one of the reasons listed in adopted new  
8 §218.13(j); the citation to the statute, administrative rule, or regulation regarding the felony offense for  
9 which the sole proprietor was imprisoned if the sole proprietor was imprisoned for a felony offense that  
10 falls under adopted new §218.13(j)(1); whether the sole proprietor is a motor carrier of passengers, a for-  
11 hire motor carrier of cargo, a household goods carrier, or a motor carrier who transports hazardous  
12 materials under Transportation Code, Chapter 643; and the name and phone number of the sole  
13 proprietor’s authorized representative. The references to Transportation Code, Chapter 643 indicate that  
14 the sole proprietor shall provide the requested information regarding the sole proprietor’s certificate of  
15 registration for intrastate operating authority. Adopted new §218.13(k) requires the notice to include the  
16 specified pieces of information so the department can verify whether the sole proprietor motor carrier’s  
17 certificate of registration was automatically revoked by operation of law under Occupations Code,  
18 §53.021(b), including whether a felony conviction directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the  
19 motor carrier under adopted new §211.25, and to allow the department to contact the motor carrier  
20 through their authorized representative while the motor carrier is imprisoned.

21           Adopted new §218.13(j) and (k) only apply to a sole proprietor motor carrier because only an  
22 individual can be imprisoned. Also, the department does not have the statutory authority to apply these  
23 amendments to individuals who are associated with a license holder. If the motor carrier is a sole

1 proprietor, the sole proprietor has the license under Transportation Code, Chapter 643. The statutory  
2 authority for the automatic revocation of a license under Occupations Code, §53.021(b) only applies to  
3 the license holder.

4       Adopted new §218.13(l) expands the prior language in §218.13(a)(3)(A) by expressly authorizing  
5 an applicant under Chapter 218 and a motor carrier with a certificate of registration to submit an  
6 application to the department or provide the department with any required information or updates  
7 through an authorized representative. Adopted new §218.13(l) also states that, upon request by the  
8 department, any representative of an applicant or motor carrier shall provide the department with  
9 written proof of authority to act on behalf of the applicant or motor carrier. Adopted new §218.13(l)  
10 addresses the reality that authorized representatives are sometimes necessary to run a business, and  
11 allows motor carriers to fulfill their duties to provide notice to the department even when their  
12 communication is limited because they are imprisoned. In addition, adopted new §218.13(l) clarifies the  
13 department's authority to verify that an individual is authorized to act on behalf of an applicant or motor  
14 carrier, so the department can ensure the integrity of its records.

15       The adopted amendments are necessary for the department to maintain accurate records for the  
16 department's administration of Transportation Code, Chapter 643 and for law enforcement to enforce  
17 certain laws regarding motor carriers, including Transportation Code, Chapter 644 and the administrative  
18 rules that the Texas Department of Public Safety adopted under Transportation Code, Chapter 644. In  
19 addition, a potential customer of a motor carrier has access to certain information on the department's  
20 website to help the potential customer decide whether to use the services of the motor carrier. These  
21 adopted amendments require sole proprietor motor carriers to provide the department with the  
22 necessary information to enable the department to verify whether the sole proprietor's certificate of  
23 registration under Transportation Code, Chapter 643 was automatically revoked by operation of law

1 under Occupations Code, §53.021(b), and the date of the automatic revocation. Adopted new §218.13(k)  
2 requires a sole proprietor to tell the department whether the sole proprietor is a motor carrier of  
3 passengers, a for-hire motor carrier of cargo, a household goods carrier, or a motor carrier who transports  
4 hazardous materials because certain felony offenses under adopted new §211.25 only apply to a motor  
5 carrier based on the motor carrier's type of operation. The department will use the information that a  
6 sole proprietor provides to the department under adopted new §218.13(j) and (k) to update the  
7 department's system to indicate whether the sole proprietor's certificate of registration was revoked, the  
8 date of the revocation, and that the revocation occurred under Occupations Code, §53.021(b).  
9 Transportation Code, §643.054(a-1) authorizes the department to deny a certificate of registration if the  
10 applicant had a registration revoked under Transportation Code, §643.252, so the department's records  
11 need to indicate whether a revocation occurred under authority other than Transportation Code,  
12 §643.252.

13 **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS.**

14 No comments on the proposed amendments were received.

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16 **SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

17

**43 TAC §218.2**

18 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY.** The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (department) adopts amendments  
19 under Transportation Code, §643.003, which authorizes the department to adopt rules to administer  
20 Transportation Code, Chapter 643; Transportation Code, §1002.001, which authorizes the board to  
21 adopt rules that are necessary and appropriate to implement the powers and duties of the department  
22 under the Transportation Code and other laws of this state; and the statutory authority referenced  
23 throughout this preamble and in the rule text, which is incorporated herein by reference.

1 **CROSS REFERENCE.** The adopted amendments implement Transportation Code, Chapter 643.

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3 Text.

4 §218.2. Definitions.

5 (a) The definitions contained in Transportation Code, Chapter 643 apply to this chapter. In the  
6 event of a conflict with this chapter, the definitions contained in Transportation Code, Chapter 643  
7 control; however, the definition of the word "director" in this section controls over the definition in  
8 Transportation Code, Chapter 643.

9 (b) The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following  
10 meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

11 (1) Advertisement--An oral, written, graphic, or pictorial statement or representation  
12 made in the course of soliciting intrastate household goods transportation services, including, without  
13 limitation, a statement or representation made in a newspaper, magazine, or other publication, or  
14 contained in a notice, sign, poster, display, circular, pamphlet, or letter, or on radio, the Internet, or via  
15 an online service, or on television. The term does not include direct communication between a  
16 household goods carrier or carrier's representative and a prospective shipper, and does not include the  
17 following:

18 (A) promotional items of nominal value such as ball caps, tee shirts, and pens;

19 (B) business cards;

20 (C) listings not paid for by the household goods carrier or its household goods  
21 carrier's agent; and

22 (D) listings of a household goods carrier's business name or assumed name as it  
23 appears on the motor carrier certificate of registration, and the household goods carrier's address, and

1 contact information in a directory or similar publication.

2 (2) Approved association--A group of household goods carriers, its agents, or both, that  
3 has an approved collective ratemaking agreement on file with the department under §218.64 of this  
4 title (relating to Rates).

5 (3) Binding proposal--A written offer stating the exact price for the transportation of  
6 specified household goods and any related services.

7 (4) Board--Board of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

8 (5) Certificate of insurance--A certificate prescribed by and filed with the department in  
9 which an insurance carrier or surety company warrants that a motor carrier for whom the certificate is  
10 filed has the minimum coverage as required by §218.16 of this title (relating to Insurance  
11 Requirements).

12 (6) Certificate of registration--A certificate issued by the department to a motor carrier  
13 and containing a unique number.

14 (7) Certified scale--Any scale designed for weighing motor vehicles, including trailers or  
15 semitrailers not attached to a tractor, and certified by an authorized scale inspection and licensing  
16 authority. A certified scale may also be a platform-type or warehouse-type scale properly inspected and  
17 certified.

18 (8) Commercial motor vehicle--As defined in Transportation Code, §548.001. The  
19 definition for commercial motor vehicle does not include:

20 (A) a farm vehicle with a gross weight, registered weight, or gross weight rating  
21 of less than 48,000 pounds;

22 (B) a cotton vehicle registered under Transportation Code, §504.505;

23 (C) a vehicle registered with the Railroad Commission under Natural Resources

1 Code, §113.131 and §116.072;

2 (D) a vehicle operated by a governmental entity;

3 (E) a motor vehicle exempt from registration by the Unified Carrier Registration  
4 Act of 2005; and

5 (F) a tow truck, as defined by Occupations Code, §2308.002.

6 (9) Conspicuous--Written in a size, color, and contrast so as to be readily noticed and  
7 understood.

8 (10) Conversion--A change in an entity's organization that is implemented with a  
9 Certificate of Conversion issued by the Texas Secretary of State under Business Organizations Code,  
10 §10.154.

11 (11) Director--The director of the department's Motor Carrier Division, whom the  
12 executive director of the department designated as the director under Transportation Code,  
13 §643.001(2).

14 (12) Estimate--An informal oral calculation of the approximate price of transporting  
15 household goods.

16 (13) Farmer--A person who operates a farm or is directly involved in cultivating land,  
17 crops, or livestock that are owned by or are under the direct control of that person.

18 (14) Farm vehicle--A commercial motor vehicle that is:

19 (A) controlled and operated by a farmer to transport either:

20 (i) agricultural products; or

21 (ii) farm machinery, farm supplies, or both, to and from a farm;

22 (B) not being used in the operation of a for-hire motor carrier;

23 (C) not carrying hazardous materials of a type or quantity that requires the

1 commercial motor vehicle to be placarded in accordance with 49 C.F.R. §177.823; and

2 (D) being used within 150 air-miles of the farmer's farm.

3 (15) FMCSA--Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

4 (16) For-hire motor carrier--A motor carrier that provides transportation of persons or  
5 cargo for compensation in one or more motor vehicles.

6 (17) Foreign commercial motor vehicle--As defined in Transportation Code, §648.001.

7 (18) Gross weight rating--The maximum loaded weight of any combination of truck,  
8 tractor, and trailer equipment as specified by the manufacturer of the equipment. If the manufacturer's  
9 rating is unknown, the gross weight rating is the greater of:

10 (A) the actual weight of the equipment and its lading; or

11 (B) the maximum lawful weight of the equipment and its lading.

12 (19) Household goods agent--A motor carrier who transports household goods on behalf  
13 of another motor carrier.

14 (20) Household goods carrier--A motor carrier who transports household goods for  
15 compensation, regardless of the size of the vehicle.

16 (21) Inventory--A list of the items in a household goods shipment and the condition of  
17 the items.

18 (22) Leasing business--A person that leases vehicles requiring registration under  
19 Subchapter B of this chapter to a motor carrier that must be registered.

20 (23) Mediation--A non-adversarial form of alternative dispute resolution in which an  
21 impartial person, the mediator, facilitates communication between two parties to promote  
22 reconciliation, settlement, or understanding.

23 (24) Motor Carrier or carrier--As defined in Transportation Code, §643.001(6).

1 (25) Motor transportation broker--As defined in Transportation Code, §646.001.

2 (26) Moving services contract--A contract between a household goods carrier and  
3 shipper, such as a bill of lading, receipt, order for service, or work order, that sets out the terms of the  
4 services to be provided.

5 (27) Multiple user--An individual or business who has a contract with a household goods  
6 carrier and who used the carrier's services more than 50 times within the preceding 12 months.

7 (28) Not-to-exceed proposal--A formal written offer stating the maximum price a  
8 shipper can be required to pay for the transportation of specified household goods and any related  
9 services. The offer may also state the non-binding approximate price. Any offer based on hourly rates  
10 must state the maximum number of hours required for the transportation and related services unless  
11 there is an acknowledgment from the shipper that the number of hours is not necessary.

12 (29) Principal business address--A single location that serves as a motor carrier's  
13 headquarters and where it maintains its operational records or can make them available.

14 (30) Print advertisement--A written, graphic, or pictorial statement or representation  
15 made in the course of soliciting intrastate household goods transportation services, including, without  
16 limitation, a statement or representation made in or contained in a newspaper, magazine, circular, or  
17 other publication. The term does not include direct communication between a household goods carrier  
18 or carrier's representative and a prospective shipper, and does not include the following:

19 (A) promotional items of nominal value such as ball caps, tee shirts, and pens;

20 (B) business cards;

21 (C) Internet websites;

22 (D) listings not paid for by the household goods carrier or its household goods  
23 carrier's agent; and

1 (E) listings of a household goods carrier's business name or assumed name as it  
2 appears on the motor carrier certificate of registration, and the household goods carrier's address, and  
3 contact information in a directory or similar publication.

4 (31) Public highway--Any publicly owned and maintained street, road, or highway in this  
5 state.

6 (32) Replacement vehicle--A vehicle that takes the place of another vehicle that has  
7 been removed from service.

8 (33) Revocation--The withdrawal of registration and privileges by the department or a  
9 registration state.

10 (34) Shipper--The owner of household goods or the owner's representative.

11 (35) Short-term lease--A lease of 30 days or less.

12 (36) Substitute vehicle--A vehicle that is leased from a leasing business and that is used  
13 as a temporary replacement for a vehicle that has been taken out of service for maintenance, repair, or  
14 any other reason causing the temporary unavailability of the permanent vehicle.

15 (37) Suspension--Temporary removal of privileges granted to a registrant by the  
16 department or a registration state.

17 (38) Unified Carrier Registration System or UCR--A motor vehicle registration system  
18 established under 49 U.S.C. §14504a or a successor federal registration program.

19 (39) USDOT--United States Department of Transportation.

20 (40) USDOT number--An identification number issued by or under the authority of the  
21 FMCSA or its successor.

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1 (A) The applicant's name, business type (e.g., sole proprietor, corporation, or  
2 limited liability company), telephone number, email address, and Secretary of State file number, as  
3 applicable. The applicant's name and email address must match the information the applicant provided  
4 to FMCSA to obtain the USDOT number that the applicant provided in its application to the department.

5 (B) An application submitted by an entity, such as a corporation, general  
6 partnership, limited liability company, limited liability corporation, limited partnership, or partnership,  
7 must include the entity's Texas Comptroller's Taxpayer Number or the entity's Federal Employer  
8 Identification Number.

9 (C) A legible and accurate electronic image of each applicable required document:

10 (i) The certificate of filing, certificate of incorporation, or certificate of  
11 registration on file with the Texas Secretary of State; and

12 (ii) each assumed name certificate on file with the Secretary of State or  
13 county clerk.

14 (3) Information and documents regarding applicant's owners, representatives, and  
15 affiliates. All applications must include the following information and documents on the applicant's  
16 owners, representatives, and affiliates, as applicable:

17 (A) The contact name, email address, and telephone number of the person  
18 submitting the application.

19 (B) The name, social security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification  
20 Number (to the extent the natural person is authorized by law to obtain one of these numbers), date of  
21 birth, business address, and ownership percentage for each owner, partner, member, or principal if the  
22 applicant is not a publicly traded company.

1 (C) The name, social security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification  
2 Number (to the extent the natural person is authorized by law to obtain one of these numbers), date of  
3 birth, and business address for the following if the applicant is owned in full or in part by a legal entity:

4 (i) each officer, director, or trustee authorized to act on behalf of the  
5 applicant; and

6 (ii) each manager or representative who has or exercises authority to  
7 direct some or all of the applicant's operational policy regarding compliance with applicable laws  
8 regarding a motor carrier, excluding sales functions, on behalf of the applicant.

9 (D) The name, employer identification number, ownership percentage, and non-  
10 profit or publicly traded status for each legal entity that owns the applicant in full or in part.

11 (E) The name, social security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification  
12 Number (to the extent the natural person is authorized by law to obtain one of these numbers), date of  
13 birth, and business address for each person who serves or will serve as the applicant's manager, operator,  
14 or representative who has or exercises authority to direct some or all of the applicant's operational policy  
15 regarding compliance with applicable laws regarding a motor carrier, excluding sales functions.

16 (F) A legible and accurate electronic image of at least one of the following  
17 unexpired identity documents for each natural person identified in the application:

18 (i) a driver license issued by a state or territory of the United States. If the  
19 driver license was issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the image must also include the audit  
20 number listed on the Texas driver license;

21 (ii) Texas identification card issued by the Texas Department of Public  
22 Safety under Transportation Code, Chapter 521, Subchapter E, or an identification certificate issued by a  
23 state or territory of the United States;

1 (iii) license to carry a handgun issued by the Texas Department of Public  
2 Safety under Government Code, Chapter 411, Subchapter H;

3 (iv) United States passport; or

4 (v) United States military identification.

5 (4) Principal business address and mailing address. The applicant must provide the  
6 applicant's principal business address, which must be a physical address. If the mailing address is different  
7 from the principal business address, the applicant must also provide the applicant's mailing address.

8 (5) Legal agent.

9 (A) A Texas-domiciled motor carrier must provide the name, telephone number,  
10 and address of a legal agent for service of process if the agent is different from the motor carrier.

11 (B) A motor carrier domiciled outside Texas must provide the name, telephone  
12 number, and Texas address of the legal agent for service of process.

13 (C) A legal agent for service of process shall be a Texas resident, a domestic  
14 corporation, or a foreign corporation authorized to transact business in Texas with a Texas physical  
15 address, rather than a post office box, for service of process.

16 (6) Description of vehicles. An application must include a motor carrier equipment report  
17 identifying each motor vehicle that requires registration and that the carrier proposes to operate. Each  
18 motor vehicle must be identified by its vehicle identification number, make, model year, and type of cargo  
19 and by the unit number assigned to the motor vehicle by the motor carrier. Any subsequent registration  
20 of vehicles must be made under subsection (e) of this section.

21 (7) Type of motor carrier operations. An applicant must state if the applicant proposes to  
22 transport passengers, household goods, or hazardous materials.

1                   (8) Insurance coverage. An applicant must indicate insurance coverage as required by  
2 §218.16 of this title (relating to Insurance Requirements).

3                   (9) Safety certification. Each motor carrier must complete, as part of the application, a  
4 certification stating that the motor carrier knows and will conduct operations in accordance with all  
5 federal and state safety regulations.

6                   (10) Drug-testing certification. Each motor carrier must certify, as part of the application,  
7 that the motor carrier is in compliance with the drug-testing requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 382. If the  
8 motor carrier belongs to a consortium, as defined by 49 C.F.R. Part 382, the applicant must provide the  
9 names of the persons operating the consortium.

10                   (11) Duration of registration.

11                   (A) An applicant must indicate the duration of the desired registration. Except as  
12 provided otherwise in this section, registration may be for seven calendar days, 90 calendar days, one  
13 year, or two years. The duration of registration chosen by the applicant will be applied to all vehicles.

14                   (i) Household goods carriers may not obtain seven-day or 90-day  
15 certificates of registration.

16                   (ii) Motor carriers that transport passengers in a commercial motor  
17 vehicle as defined by Transportation Code, §548.001(1)(B) may not obtain seven-day or 90-day certificates  
18 of registration, unless approved by the director.

19                   (B) Interstate motor carriers that operate in intrastate commerce and meet the  
20 requirements under §218.14(c) of this title (relating to Expiration and Renewal of Commercial Motor  
21 Vehicles Registration) are not required to renew a certificate of registration issued under this section.

22                   (12) Additional requirements. The following fees, documents, and information must be  
23 submitted with the application.

1 (A) An application must be accompanied by an application fee of:

2 (i) \$100 for annual and biennial registrations;

3 (ii) \$25 for 90-day registrations; or

4 (iii) \$5 for seven-day registrations.

5 (B) An application must be accompanied by a vehicle registration fee of:

6 (i) \$10 for each vehicle that the motor carrier proposes to operate under  
7 a seven-day, 90-day, or annual registration; or

8 (ii) \$20 for each vehicle that the motor carrier proposes to operate under  
9 a biennial registration.

10 (C) An application must be accompanied by proof of insurance or financial  
11 responsibility and the insurance filing fee as required by §218.16.

12 (D) An application must include the completed New Applicant Questionnaire  
13 (Applicant Questionnaire), which consists of questions and requirements, such as the following:

14 (i) Have you ever had another motor carrier certificate of registration  
15 number issued by the department in the three years prior to the date of this application? If your answer  
16 is yes, provide the certificate of registration number for the motor carrier(s). In the Applicant  
17 Questionnaire, the word "you" means the applicant or any business that is operated, managed, or  
18 otherwise controlled by or affiliated with the applicant or a family member, corporate officer, manager,  
19 operator, or owner (if the business is not a publicly traded company) of the applicant. In the Applicant  
20 Questionnaire, the word "manager" means a person who has or exercises authority to direct some or all  
21 of the applicant's operational policy regarding compliance with applicable laws regarding a motor carrier,  
22 excluding sales functions.

1 (ii) Have you had a Compliance Review or a New Entrant Audit by the  
2 Texas Department of Public Safety that resulted in an Unsatisfactory Safety Rating in the three years prior  
3 to the date of your application? If your answer is yes, provide the USDOT number(s) and the certificate of  
4 registration number(s) issued by the department.

5 (iii) Are you currently under an Order to Cease from the Texas  
6 Department of Public Safety? If your answer is yes, provide the motor carrier's USDOT number(s) and the  
7 Carrier Profile Number(s). The Texas Department of Public Safety assigns a Carrier Profile Number (CP#)  
8 when they perform a compliance review on a motor carrier's operations to determine whether the motor  
9 carrier meets the safety fitness standards.

10 (iv) Are you related to another motor carrier, or have you been related to  
11 another motor carrier within the three years prior to the date of your application? The relationship may  
12 be through a person (including a family member), corporate officer, or partner who also operates or has  
13 operated as a motor carrier in Texas. If your answer is yes, state how you are related and provide the  
14 motor carrier's name and the motor carrier's USDOT number, or the certificate of registration number  
15 issued by the department for each related motor carrier.

16 (v) Do you currently owe any administrative penalties to the department,  
17 regardless of when the final order was issued to assess the administrative penalties? If your answer is yes,  
18 provide the following information under which the administrative penalties were assessed:

19 (I) department's notice number(s); and

20 (II) the motor carrier's USDOT number and certificate of  
21 registration number issued by the department;

22 (vi) Name and title of person completing the Applicant  
23 Questionnaire; and

1 (vii) Is the person completing the Applicant Questionnaire an  
2 authorized representative of the applicant? If your answer is yes, please add the person's name, job title,  
3 phone number, and address.

4 (E) An applicant must state if the applicant is domiciled in a foreign country.

5 (F) An application must include a certification that the information and  
6 documents provided in the application are true and correct and that the applicant complied with the  
7 application requirements under Chapter 218 of this title (relating to Motor Carriers) and Transportation  
8 Code, Chapter 643.

9 (G) An application must be accompanied by any other information and  
10 documents required by the department to evaluate the application under current law, including board  
11 rules.

12 (13) Additional requirements for household goods carriers. The following information,  
13 documents, and certification must be submitted with all applications by household goods carriers:

14 (A) A copy of the tariff that sets out the maximum charges for transportation of  
15 household goods, or a copy of the tariff governing interstate transportation services. If an applicant is  
16 governed by a tariff that its association has already filed with the department under §218.65 of this title  
17 (relating to Tariff Registration), the applicant complies with the requirement in this subparagraph by  
18 checking the applicable box on the application to identify the association's tariff.

19 (B) If the motor vehicle is not titled in the name of the household goods carrier,  
20 the following lease information and documentation, notwithstanding §218.18(a) of this title (relating to  
21 Short-term Lease and Substitute Vehicles):

22 (i) a copy of a valid lease agreement for each motor vehicle that the  
23 household goods carrier will operate; and

1 (ii) the name of the lessor and their USDOT number for each motor  
2 vehicle leased to the household goods carrier under a short-term lease.

3 (C) A certification that the household goods carrier has procedures that comply  
4 with Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 62.063(b)(3), which prohibits certain people who are required to  
5 register as a sex offender from providing moving services in the residence of another person without  
6 supervision.

7 (14) Additional requirements for passenger carriers. The following information and  
8 documents must be submitted with all applications for motor carriers that transport passengers in a  
9 commercial motor vehicle as defined by Transportation Code, §548.001(1)(B):

10 (A) If the commercial motor vehicle is titled in the name of the motor carrier, a  
11 copy of the International Registration Plan registration receipt or a copy of the front and back of the title  
12 for each commercial motor vehicle; or

13 (B) If the commercial motor vehicle is not titled in the name of the motor carrier,  
14 the following lease information and documentation, notwithstanding §218.18(a) of this title:

15 (i) A copy of a valid lease agreement for each commercial motor vehicle;  
16 and

17 (ii) The name of the lessor and their USDOT number for each commercial  
18 motor vehicle leased to the motor carrier under a short-term lease.

19 (b) Conditional acceptance of application. If an application has been conditionally accepted by the  
20 director pursuant to Transportation Code, §643.055, the applicant may not operate the following until  
21 the department has issued a certificate under Transportation Code, §643.054:

22 (1) a commercial motor vehicle or any other motor vehicle to transport household goods  
23 for compensation, or

1                   (2) a commercial motor vehicle to transport persons or cargo.

2                   (c) Approved application. An applicant meeting the requirements of this section and whose  
3 registration is approved shall be issued the following documents:

4                   (1) Certificate of registration. The department shall issue a certificate of registration. The  
5 certificate of registration must contain the name and address of the motor carrier and a single registration  
6 number, regardless of the number of vehicles requiring registration that the carrier operates.

7                   (2) Insurance cab card. The department shall issue an insurance cab card listing all vehicles  
8 to be operated under the carrier's certificate of registration. The insurance cab card shall be continuously  
9 maintained at the motor carrier's principal business address. The insurance cab card must be valid for the  
10 same period as the motor carrier's certificate of registration and shall contain information regarding each  
11 vehicle registered by the motor carrier.

12                   (A) A current copy of the page of the insurance cab card on which the vehicle is  
13 shown shall be maintained in each vehicle listed, unless the motor carrier chooses to maintain a legible  
14 and accurate image of the insurance cab card on a wireless communication device in the vehicle or  
15 chooses to display such information on a wireless communication device by accessing the department's  
16 online system from the vehicle. The appropriate information concerning that vehicle shall be highlighted  
17 if the motor carrier chooses to maintain a hard copy of the insurance cab card or chooses to display an  
18 image of the insurance cab card on a wireless communication device in the vehicle. The insurance cab  
19 card or the display of such information on a wireless communications device shall serve as proof of  
20 insurance as long as the motor carrier has continuous insurance or financial responsibility on file with the  
21 department.

22                   (B) On demand by a department investigator or any other authorized government  
23 personnel, the driver shall present the highlighted page of the insurance cab card that is maintained in

1 the vehicle or that is displayed on a wireless communication device in the vehicle. If the motor carrier  
2 chooses to display the information on a wireless communication device by accessing the department's  
3 online system, the driver shall locate the vehicle in the department's online system upon request by the  
4 department-certified inspector or other authorized government personnel.

5 (C) The motor carrier shall notify the department in writing if it discontinues use  
6 of a registered motor vehicle before the expiration of its insurance cab card.

7 (D) Any erasure or alteration of an insurance cab card that the department  
8 printed out for the motor carrier renders it void.

9 (E) If an insurance cab card is lost, stolen, destroyed, or mutilated; if it becomes  
10 illegible; or if it otherwise needs to be replaced, the department shall print out a new insurance cab card  
11 at the request of the motor carrier. Motor carriers are authorized to print out a copy of a new insurance  
12 cab card using the department's online system.

13 (F) The department is not responsible for a motor carrier's inability to access the  
14 insurance cab card using the department's online system.

15 (d) Additional and replacement vehicles. A motor carrier required to obtain a certificate of  
16 registration under this section shall not operate additional vehicles unless the carrier identifies the  
17 vehicles on a form prescribed by the director and pays applicable fees as described in this subsection.

18 (1) Additional vehicles. To add a vehicle, a motor carrier must pay a fee of \$10 for each  
19 additional vehicle that the motor carrier proposes to operate under a seven-day, 90-day, or annual  
20 registration. To add a vehicle during the first year of a biennial registration, a motor carrier must pay a fee  
21 of \$20 for each vehicle. To add a vehicle during the second year of a biennial registration, a motor carrier  
22 must pay a fee of \$10 for each vehicle.

1                   (2) Replacement vehicles. No fee is required for a vehicle that is replacing a vehicle for  
2 which the fee was previously paid. Before the replacement vehicle is put into operation, the motor carrier  
3 must notify the department, identify the vehicle being taken out of service, and identify the replacement  
4 vehicle on a form prescribed by the department. A motor carrier registered under seven-day registration  
5 may not replace vehicles.

6                   (e) Supplement to original application. A motor carrier required to register under this section shall  
7 electronically file in the department's designated motor carrier registration system a supplemental  
8 application under the following circumstances.

9                   (1) Change of cargo. A registered motor carrier may not begin transporting household  
10 goods or hazardous materials unless the carrier submits a supplemental application to the department  
11 and shows the department evidence of insurance or financial responsibility in the amounts specified by  
12 §218.16.

13                   (2) Change of name. A motor carrier that changes its name shall file a supplemental  
14 application for registration no later than the effective date of the change. The motor carrier shall include  
15 evidence of insurance or financial responsibility in the new name and in the amounts specified by §218.16.  
16 A motor carrier that is a corporation must have its name change approved by the Texas Secretary of State  
17 before filing a supplemental application. A motor carrier incorporated outside the state of Texas must  
18 complete the name change under the law of its state of incorporation before filing a supplemental  
19 application.

20                   (3) Change of address or legal agent for service of process. A motor carrier shall file a  
21 supplemental application for any change of address or any change of its legal agent for service of process  
22 no later than the effective date of the change. The address most recently filed will be presumed  
23 conclusively to be the current address.

1                   (4) Change in principal officers and titles. A motor carrier that is a corporation shall file a  
2 supplemental application for any change in the principal officers and titles no later than the effective date  
3 of the change.

4                   (5) Conversion of corporate structure. A motor carrier that has successfully completed a  
5 corporate conversion involving a change in the name of the corporation shall file a supplemental  
6 application for registration and evidence of insurance or financial responsibility reflecting the new  
7 company name. The conversion must be approved by the Office of the Secretary of State before the  
8 supplemental application is filed.

9                   (6) Change in drug-testing consortium status. A motor carrier that changes consortium  
10 status shall file a supplemental application that includes the names of the persons operating the  
11 consortium.

12                   (7) Retaining a revoked or suspended certificate of registration number. A motor carrier  
13 may retain a prior certificate of registration number by:

14                               (A) filing a supplemental application to reregister instead of filing an original  
15 application; and

16                               (B) providing adequate evidence that the carrier has satisfactorily resolved the  
17 issue that gave rise to the suspension or revocation.

18                   (f) Change of ownership. A motor carrier must file an original application for registration when  
19 there is a corporate merger or a change in the ownership of a sole proprietorship or of a partnership.

20                   (g) Alternative vehicle registration for household goods agents. To avoid multiple registrations of  
21 a motor vehicle, a household goods agent's vehicles may be registered under the motor carrier's  
22 certificate of registration under this subsection.

1 (1) The carrier must notify the department on a form approved by the director of its intent  
2 to register its agent's vehicles under this subsection.

3 (2) When a carrier registers vehicles under this subsection, the carrier's certificate shall  
4 include all vehicles registered under its agent's certificates of registration. The carrier must register under  
5 its certificate of registration all vehicles operated on its behalf that do not appear on its agent's certificate  
6 of registration.

7 (3) The department may send the carrier a copy of any notification sent to the agent  
8 concerning circumstances that could lead to denial, suspension, or revocation of the agent's certificate.

9 (h) Substitute vehicles leased from leasing businesses. A registered motor carrier is not required  
10 to comply with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section for a substitute vehicle leased from a  
11 business registered under §218.18 of this title (relating to Short-term Lease and Substitute Vehicles). A  
12 motor carrier is not required to carry proof of registration as described in subsection (d) of this section if  
13 a copy of the lease agreement for the originally leased vehicle is carried in the cab of the temporary  
14 replacement vehicle.

15 (i) A motor carrier with an unexpired certificate of registration that has not been revoked shall  
16 update its principal business address, mailing address, and email address in the department's online  
17 system within 30 days of a change to the information.

18 (j) A sole proprietor with an unexpired certificate of registration shall notify the department as  
19 specified in subsection (k) of this section, directly or through the sole proprietor's authorized  
20 representative, of the sole proprietor's imprisonment for any of the following:

21 (1) a felony conviction for any of the following:

22 (A) an offense that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of a motor  
23 carrier as defined in §211.25 of this title (relating to Criminal Offense Guidelines; Imprisonment);

1 (B) an offense listed in Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42A.054; or

2 (C) a sexually violent offense, as defined by Code of Criminal Procedure, Article

3 62.001;

4 (2) felony community supervision revocation;

5 (3) revocation of parole; or

6 (4) revocation of mandatory supervision.

7 (k) The notice under subsection (j) of this section shall be provided to the department:

8 (1) for an imprisonment that occurs on or after May 1, 2026;

9 (2) within 15 days of the date the sole proprietor is imprisoned;

10 (3) using the email address listed on the department's website for this purpose; and

11 (4) with the following information:

12 (A) the name of the sole proprietor;

13 (B) the sole proprietor's certificate of registration number under Transportation

14 Code, Chapter 643;

15 (C) the date the sole proprietor was imprisoned;

16 (D) the reason the sole proprietor was imprisoned, using one of the reasons listed

17 in subsection (j) of this section;

18 (E) the citation to the statute, administrative rule, or regulation regarding the

19 felony offense for which the sole proprietor was imprisoned if the sole proprietor was imprisoned for a

20 felony conviction that falls under subsection (j)(1) of this section;

21 (F) whether the sole proprietor is a motor carrier of passengers, a for-hire motor

22 carrier of cargo, a household goods carrier, or a motor carrier who transports hazardous materials under

23 Transportation Code, Chapter 643; and

1 (G) the name and phone number of the sole proprietor's authorized  
2 representative, if applicable.

3 (I) An applicant under this chapter and a motor carrier with a certificate of registration may submit  
4 an application to the department or provide the department with any required information and updates  
5 through an authorized representative. Upon request by the department, a representative shall provide  
6 the department with written proof of authority to act on behalf of the applicant or motor carrier.