



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Georgia Department of Public Safety, MCCD Officers have the primary responsibility to enforce State Law and MCC Rules which govern commercial motor vehicle safety (gross vehicle weight rating 10,001 lbs. or more), their drivers, transportation of hazardous materials, and the operation of "for-hire" and private motor carriers of property and passengers.

MCC Officers have extensive training in several areas of commercial vehicle operation including:

- Vehicle inspection
- Driver qualification
- Driver hours-of-service
- Driver records of duty status (log books)
- Required records
- Identification of for-hire and private carriers
- Carrier Compliance Reviews

In addition, MCC Officers have in-depth experience in enforcing hazardous materials regulations, including:

- Shipping papers
- Package marking and labeling
- Vehicle placarding and/or marking
- Required emergency response information
- Specification packaging, such as cylinders, drums, boxes, portable tanks, and cargo tanks.

MCC Officers conduct thousands of commercial vehicle and driver inspections each year, identifying vehicle defects and driver, shipper and carrier violations. Serious defects can result in an out-of-service order. MCC safety and hazardous materials regulations are substantially the same as the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and Hazardous Materials Regulations found in Title 49 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR). These regulations require that motor carriers who operate vehicles of 10,001 pounds GVWR or more meet certain requirements and keep detailed records.

The Motor Carrier Safety Regulations include:

- Part 382 Alcohol and Drug Testing by Employers (effective January 1, 1995) (Applies to all CDL holders).
- Part 383 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Standards.
- Part 390 Definitions, applicability, vehicle identification, and accident records.
- Part 391 Driver qualification, including age, driver's license, physical requirements, and record keeping requirements.
- Part 392 Requirements for drivers of CMVs, including safety equipment use, pre-trip inspections, and safe driving.
- Part 393 Parts and accessories for safe operation; provides detailed requirements for vehicle components.
- Part 395 Hours-of-service requirements; includes limitations on driving and on-duty times; minimum off-duty times, and record-keeper requirements.
- Part 396 Vehicle inspection requirements; contains requirements for daily post-trip inspections, annual inspections, and record keeping requirements.
- Part 397 Requirements for driving vehicles containing placardable quantities of hazardous materials; includes restrictions on parking, vehicle attendance, operation through tunnels and through cities, and other hazardous materials routing requirements.

The Hazardous Materials Regulations include:

- Part 107 General applicability and requirements for registration of certain hazardous materials shippers and carriers.

- Part 171 General requirements and optional regulations.
- Part 172 Hazardous Materials Table and hazard communication, emergency response information and training requirements.
- Part 173 Packaging requirements for hazardous materials.
- Part 177 Highway transportation requirements, including material separation and load securement.
- Part 178 Package construction specifications: boxes, barrels, drums, cylinders, and bulk packages.
- Part 180 Package retesting requirements, including record-keeper.
- Part 385 Hazardous Materials Safety Permits

#### APPLICATION OF THE RULES IN GEORGIA

In general, these regulations apply under state law to all private and for-hire motor carriers in Georgia. However, the statutes contain certain exceptions and exclusions, and you should contact the MCC for detailed information or assistance.

#### OPERATING LEGALLY IN GEORGIA

To operate legally in Georgia, a trucker may need all of the following:

- Valid and current tag registration.
- Valid and current Motor Fuel decal and cab card.
- Proper operator's license for vehicle being operated.
- Current Medical Examiner's Certificate (must be renewed at least every two years).
- Safe equipment.
- Proper load securement.
- Correct size and weight.
- Necessary overweight and oversize Permits.
- Proof of operating authority for "for-hire" carriers.