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# Motor Carrier of Property Permit



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# MCP Quick Facts

- MCP is issued and administered by DMV and Enforced by CHP.
- 1997 / 1998 was the transition period.
- Motor carriers of property were required to obtain a permit by December 31, 1998.
- MCP is a permit to operate, not an authority to operate.

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# Motor Carrier of Property

- 34601 California Vehicle Code (CVC) defines a motor carrier of property as “any person who operates any commercial motor vehicle as defined in 34601 (c)”.
- PRIVATE and FOR-HIRE carriers using vehicles to transport property are regulated.





# CMV-34601(c) CVC

Any self propelled vehicle listed in  
34500(a)(b)(f)(g) & (k) CVC.



34500(a) CVC-Motor trucks of 3 or  
more axles with a GVWR of more  
than 10,000 pounds.





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## 34500(b) CVC-Truck tractors



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34500(f) CVC-A combination of a motor truck and a vehicle(s) set forth in subdivision (e) [trailer, semi trailer, pole or pipe dolly] that exceeds 40 feet in length when coupled together.



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# 34500(g) CVC-Vehicles or combinations transporting hazmat





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34500(k) CVC – A commercial motor vehicle is:

- Any vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more
- Any GVWR towing a vehicle with a GVWR of 10,001 pounds or more
  - Excludes – camp trailers, trailer coaches, or utility trailers.



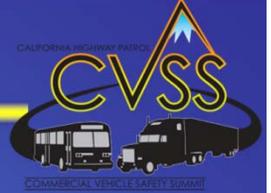
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Any motor truck over 10,000 pounds GVWR or any motor vehicle used to transport property for compensation.



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# Common MCP Exemptions

- Pickup trucks when NOT used for compensation.
- Combinations exceeding 40 feet IF the power unit GVWR is under 10,000 pounds.
- Non-commercial two axle daily rental trucks, GVWR under 26,001 pounds.

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# Common MCP Exemptions

(continued)

- Motor trucks or 2-axle truck tractors with GVWR under 26,001 pounds when used solely to tow camp trailer, trailer coach, fifth-wheel travel trailer or utility trailer.
- PUC Household goods carrier.
  - Household Goods carrier with used furniture
- Buses.
- Any vehicle exempt from vehicle registration fee.

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# How Does A Carrier Get MCP

- Obtain a valid CA Number.
  - Submit CHP 362 Carrier Profile
  - <http://www.chp.ca.gov/publications/index.html>
- Submit DMV706 MCP Application.
  - [www.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/mcp/mcpinfo.htm](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/vehindustry/mcp/mcpinfo.htm)
  - Call insurance carrier to submit certificate (DMV 65)





# MCP

- Interstate carriers are NOT required to obtain a MCP Permit, unless they also perform intrastate transportation.
- Permit Fees.
  - For-hire
  - Private
- Interstate and foreign motor carriers of property - the permit fees shall be apportioned based on the percentage of fleet miles traveled in California in intrastate commerce.





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# Enforcement

- Warning Notice Letter to Carrier.
- CHP 407F - No fine, no fees, no points, no penalties.
- CHP 281 - No fine, no fees, no points, no penalties.
- CHP 215 - Fine, fees, court, etc.
- Impound.

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# Enforcement

- Impound - 34660(d) CVC-Only by CHP personnel.  
An officer may impound the carrier's vehicle(s), pursuant to 34660(d) CVC.
- The carrier's MCP has been suspended or history of non-compliance.

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# Enforcement

- Impounded vehicles may only be released after the carrier submits the following:
  1. Valid registration
  2. Valid driver license appropriate for the vehicle
  3. Certificate documentation or proof of compliance with MCP

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# Enforcement

- 34507.5(a) CVC – Infraction Dismissible (Motor Carrier shall obtain CA# – Interstate /Intrastate).
- 34507.5(b) CVC – Infraction : Dismissible (Motor Carrier – failure to display CA# – Intrastate only).

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# Enforcement

- 34620(a) CVC – Misdemeanor: (Motor Carrier-operating on highway without MCP permit – Intrastate only).
- 34660(a) CVC – Misdemeanor: (Motor Carrier of Property continue to operate on highway after permit suspended) – Intrastate only.
- 34660(d) CVC – (Impound section) – Intrastate only.





# MOTOR CARRIER PERMIT



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**DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

Motor Carrier Permit Branch  
P.O. Box 932370  
Sacramento, CA 94232-3700

**Acme Trucking Company**  
**604 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St**  
**Sacramento CA 95811**

|                    |            |                       |            |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>Valid From:</b> | 09/01/2000 | <b>Valid Through:</b> | 08/31/2001 |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|

**CA#:** **90016**

THE CARRIER NAMED ON THIS PERMIT, HAVING MADE WRITTEN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR A PERMIT TO OPERATE AS A MOTOR CARRIER OF PROPERTY AS DEFINED IN VEHICLE CODE SECTION 34601, AND HAVING MET THE REQUIREMENTS AND PAID THE APPROPRIATE FEES, IS GRANTED A PERMIT OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATION:



**For Hire**

|                    |            |                  |       |
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| <b>Pmt Date:</b>   | 07/24/2000 | <b>Office #:</b> | 154   |
| <b>Account #:</b>  | 19424      | <b>Tech ID:</b>  | BR    |
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# The End Thank You



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