

Commercial Vehicles Exemptions

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A 100% exemption is available for certain commercial trucks, truck trailers, tractors and semi-trailers. The exemption is available to **two different classes of vehicles**. This exemption may be granted for five years.

To qualify for the exemption for vehicles **used to “transport freight for hire”**; the following conditions must be met:

1. The commercial vehicle must be new; that its equitable or legal title has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer to anyone other than the owner/registrant making application.
2. The vehicle's gross vehicle weight (GVW) rating must be in **excess** of twenty-six thousand pounds (26,000) pounds.
3. The vehicle must be used exclusively for the intrastate or interstate transportation of freight for hire.
4. A “For Hire Motor Carrier” must use the vehicle. This means an individual or legal entity that is compensated for transporting freight belonging to an unrelated party.

To qualify for the exemption used by a **“private motor carrier” with a GVW rating in excess of 55,000 lbs.** the following condition must be met:

1. This exemption is for a Private Motor Carrier, a business that uses a vehicle to transport its own products to wholesale or retail outlets.
2. The commercial vehicle must be new; that its equitable or legal title has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor or dealer to anyone other than the owner/registrant making application for this exemption.
3. The vehicle's gross vehicle weight (GVW) rating must be in **excess** of fifty-five thousand pounds (55,000) pounds.
4. The vehicle must be ineligible for the exemption above (transport freight for hire).

In order to receive this exemption the following information must be submitted to the Assessor's Office by November 1st. Failure to file by November 1st constitutes a waiver of the right to the exemption for the assessment year unless a filing extension is granted by the Assessor.

- An M-65MV form must be filed with and approved by the Assessor. The application is required for the first year in which the exemption is requested. If there is no change in the tax town and no modification to the vehicle, no application has to be filed in subsequent years after initial claim form is filed and exemption is granted.

- A copy of a validated form H-13-Application for Registration of a Motor Vehicle and Certificate of Title as issued by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicle which has a seal affixed to it and a DMV date stamp in the upper right hand corner.
- A copy of the vehicles bill of sale or invoice and proof of the price paid for any modification made to the vehicle between the date it was purchased and October 1st.