



## **Passenger and Property Carrier Enforcement**

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, Virginia State Police and law enforcement agencies across the Commonwealth are committed to encouraging the safe transport of passengers and property on Virginia's roadways. To accomplish this goal, businesses that transport passengers or property are being strongly encouraged to adhere to Virginia laws regarding operating authority.

### **For-Hire Intrastate Operating Authority**

For-hire motor carriers transporting passengers or property within Virginia may be required to obtain Virginia For-Hire Intrastate Operating Authority as stated in Virginia Code 46.2-2000 and 46.2-2100, unless conducting exempt operations.

### **Requirements**

Depending on the type of transportation service, potential businesses may have to demonstrate fitness to provide the service, that a need for the service exists, and that the service will be convenient for the public. Certificate and license applicants are subject to a criminal background check, and may be required to have a hearing. Successful applicants are issued an operating certificate, license, or permit depending on the type of service.

Before an intrastate operating authority certificate, license or permit is issued, the applicant must:

- ▶ file a Surety Bond (certificate or license only)
- ▶ provide proof of insurance (certificate or permit only)
- ▶ title the vehicle in Virginia and obtain for-hire license plates (certificate and permit)
- ▶ register each vehicle under their operating authority

In addition, household goods carriers and common carriers must file a tariff, and common carriers traveling over regular routes must file a time schedule.

For more information, go to [www.dmvNOW.com](http://www.dmvNOW.com) and click on For-Hire Intrastate Operating Authority.

