



Motor Carrier Division

Trip Permit Q & A

You **must** obtain a Nevada Trip Permit prior to entering this state if the Commercial Motor Vehicle is not registered to travel in Nevada and any of the following apply

- The operator of the vehicle is a paid employee;
- The operator of the vehicle is under contract;
- You are a corporate entity;
- You are required to obtain a business license;
- You are required to obtain a USDOT number;
- You are operating a tow vehicle (if operating interstate, you must also be registered with the Nevada Transportation Authority: they can be reached at 775.688.2800 or 702.486.3303);
- You are paid or sponsored to participate in an event or provide a commodity or service for sale; or
- You are a vendor.

You **may** not need a Trip Permit if:

- You are attending a special event for recreational purposes only; IE: Hot August Nights; Reno Rodeo; Balloon Races; National Final Rodeo; Regional Special Events; etc. and;
- You are not eligible to claim business expenses from the event and any prize money earned during the event is required to be claimed as income on your Federal Tax return. (See IRS Publication 525)

This list is intended to provide basic guidelines for determining trip permit requirements. It is not intended to be all inclusive. It is your responsibility to ensure the vehicle being operated is not Commercial Motor Vehicle (10,001 lbs. or more Combined Gross Vehicle Weight). A Fuel Permit is required for Commercial Motor Vehicles over 26,000 lbs. or 3 axles or more regardless of weight. If you have any doubts about the qualification of the vehicle, we recommend you purchase a trip permit.

If you have any questions regarding permit requirements, please contact the Motor Carrier Division at 775.684.4711 option 1. See <https://dmv.nv.gov/mcpermits.htm> for a list of vendors.