

**MOTOR CARRIER FUEL TAX ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 119 of 1980**

**207.215 Motor carrier license; application; form and contents; affixing decal to cab; surety bond, cash, or securities; waiver of bond requirement; assignment or transfer of license and decals; replacement decals; duration of license and decals; ceasing to engage in business; notice of discontinuance.**

Sec. 5. (1) A person required to be licensed by this act shall not act as a motor carrier in this state unless the person is the holder of an unrevoked license issued by the department or is the holder of an unrevoked license issued under the international fuel tax agreement by this state or another member jurisdiction of the international fuel tax agreement. To procure a license, a motor carrier shall file with the department a verified application upon a form prescribed and to be furnished by the department. The application shall contain the name and address of the motor carrier and, if a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the names and addresses of the persons constituting the firm, partnership, association, joint stock company, limited liability company, syndicate, or corporation, the name of its resident agent, the location of its predominant place of business, both within and outside of this state, and other pertinent information the department may require.

(2) The department shall issue to each motor carrier 1 license per person and 2 decals for each qualified commercial motor vehicle. A decal shall be affixed respectively to the right-hand side and left-hand side of the cab of every qualified commercial motor vehicle while it is being operated in this state by each person licensed under this act. A copy of the license shall be carried in each cab while it is being operated.

(3) For cause, a motor carrier may be required to file with the department a surety bond payable to this state, upon which the applicant is the obligor, in the sum of 3 times the highest estimated quarterly tax, or \$1,000.00, whichever is greater. This surety bond shall be conditioned upon the applicant complying with this act and with the rules promulgated under this act, promptly filing true reports, and paying the taxes, interest, and penalties required by this act. Each surety bond shall be approved as to amount and sureties by the department. The department may accept cash or securities instead of a surety bond.

(4) The commissioner may waive the bond requirement for a motor carrier exempt from the reporting requirements of section 2 when the collection of taxes would not be impaired by lack of security of a bond required by this section.

(5) The license and decals are not assignable or transferable to another person and are valid only for the person in whose name they are issued. However, upon application to the department, a motor carrier, upon the sale, conveyance, disposal, or replacement of a qualified commercial motor vehicle, may transfer the license and decals for that qualified commercial motor vehicle to another qualified commercial motor vehicle of the motor carrier that is required to be licensed under this act. The department shall issue replacement decals for the newly licensed qualified commercial motor vehicle that authorizes the holder of the qualified commercial motor vehicle license to use and consume motor fuel or alternative fuel in the qualified commercial motor vehicle upon the public roads or highways of this state until the original license would have expired. The department may require the payment of a fee to cover the administrative costs of issuing a replacement license or decals.

(6) Upon filing of the application and upon posting of any bond as required, the department shall issue to the applicant a license and decals that authorize the holder to operate qualified commercial motor vehicles using and consuming motor fuels or alternative fuels upon the public roads or highways of this state until January 1 of the year following the date of issuance.

(7) If a licensee ceases to engage in business within this state, the licensee shall notify the department in writing within 15 days after discontinuance.

**History:** 1980, Act 119, Imd. Eff. May 14, 1980;—Am. 1981, Act 16, Imd. Eff. Apr. 28, 1981;—Am. 1987, Act 235, Imd. Eff. Dec. 28, 1987;—Am. 1996, Act 584, Eff. Mar. 31, 1997;—Am. 2015, Act 178, Eff. Jan. 1, 2017.

**Administrative rules:** R 207.1 et seq. of the Michigan Administrative Code.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 2 of Act 475 of 2014 provides:

"Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless House Joint Resolution UU of the 97th Legislature becomes a part of the state constitution of 1963 as provided in section 1 of article XII of the state constitution of 1963."

House Joint Resolution UU was presented to the electors as Proposal 15-1 at the May 5, 2015 special election. The proposal to amend the constitution was not approved by the voters and Act 475 of 2014 does not go into effect.