



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MOTOR CARRIER TRANSPORTATION DIVISION
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CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS FACT SHEET

To qualify as a charitable organization you must meet the requirements of Oregon Revised Statutes 825.017(14):

Vehicles must be owned or operated by, or under contract with, a charitable organization when exclusively engaged in performing transportation, either one way or round trip, which is necessary to the operation of the charitable organization. As used in this subsection, "charitable organization" means an organization that has no capital stock and no provision for making dividends or profits, but derives its funds principally from public and private charity and holds them in trust for the promotion of the welfare of others and not for profit. Any organization claiming an exemption under this subsection shall file an affidavit with the department stating that it is organized and operated in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

An affidavit may be a brief letter to ODOT Motor Carrier Transportation Division (MCTD), describing how the vehicle(s) will be used in furtherance of the operation of the charitable organization.

You should also submit supporting material with the letter. Please include a copy of your Internal Revenue Service authorization showing your organization's exemption from payment of federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3), a copy of your articles of incorporation, or printed material (brochure) that describes your organization and its operations. Do not notarize the affidavit.

You must request exemption from MCTD if you wish to register your vehicles with Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) as charitable / nonprofit. This rule applies even if your vehicles weigh 8,001 to 26,000 pounds. Please DO NOT send the DMV registration form to MCTD.

Interstate operations may be subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. Direct questions regarding safety requirements to USDOT Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration at (503) 399-5775. Commercial Driver's License (CDL) requirements may also apply to your operations, Contact ODOT-DMV at (503) 945-5000 for information regarding CDL requirements. Questions regarding Use Fuel Tax should be directed to the Use Fuel Tax Group at (503) 378-8150.

We will notify you whether or not your organization qualifies for the exemption.