

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: INTERSTATE MOVER APPLICATION



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## WHO NEEDS AN INTERSTATE MOVER LICENSE?

- If you move household goods **only** into or out of California.
- If you move household goods entirely within California, or if you do both, you must complete a General Household Mover application. You can apply online: [bhgs.dca.ca.gov](https://bhgs.dca.ca.gov).



## WHAT IS THE FEE FOR AN INTERSTATE MOVER LICENSE?

- \$500.

## DO I NEED A FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (FMCSA) PERMIT TO APPLY FOR AN INTERSTATE MOVER LICENSE?

- Yes, your business must be registered with FMCSA and you must have interstate operating authority. You'll need to provide your U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) number to complete the license application with BHGS.
- If you do not have an FMCSA USDOT number, or if your FMCSA USDOT number is not current, please update your permit status with FMCSA: [fmcafilings.com](https://fmcafilings.com).

## IS THERE A CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT?

- No, but you will need to identify an agent of process in California (who, if necessary, a court or agency can serve on behalf of your business) and your principal place of business must be outside of California.
- You must always have a valid agent of process listed on your license.

## WHAT ARE THE FINGERPRINT REQUIREMENTS?

- There are no fingerprints required for an Interstate Mover application.



## WHAT INSURANCE IS REQUIRED?

- There are no public liability and property damage or cargo liability insurance requirements for an Interstate Mover application. If you have employees in California, you must comply with all of California workers' compensation insurance requirements.




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## WHAT INFORMATION ABOUT EQUIPMENT DO I NEED TO PROVIDE?

- There is no requirement to provide information about equipment for an Interstate Mover application.

## WHAT BONDS ARE REQUIRED?

- There are no bond requirements for an Interstate Mover application.

## ARE THERE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

- Yes, if your business is a corporation, limited liability company (LLC) or partnership, additional documentation is required:
  - **Corporation**
    - Articles of Incorporation filed with CA Secretary of State
    - Statement of Information (filed in the last year) with CA Secretary of State
  - **Limited Liability Company (LLC)**
    - Articles of Organization filed with CA Secretary of State
    - Statement of Information (filed in the last two years) with CA Secretary of State
  - **General or Limited Partnership**
    - Current Partnership Agreement signed by all partners listed on the application
  - **Limited Partnership**
    - **Out-of-State:** Registration of Out-of-State Limited Partnership filed with CA Secretary of State. *Note: all foreign limited partnerships doing business in California must register with the CA Secretary of State.*
    - **In-State:** Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with CA Secretary of State



## WHAT IS THE EXAM REQUIREMENT?

- There is no exam required for an interstate mover application.

## HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY INTERSTATE MOVERS LICENSE AFTER IT'S ISSUED?

- You must file a Gross Operating Revenue report (Quarterly Report) with the Bureau each quarter and pay a percentage of your earnings (either .007 and/or .001, as appropriate).
- You will also need to pay a \$15 administrative fee and the appropriate uniform business license tax. These reports can be filed and paid online on the Bureau's website.