

Submitting an application for a Class C Taxi Certificate involves two South Carolina state agencies:

1.) Public Service Commission of South Carolina (PSC) www.psc.sc.gov

PSC Website

2.) South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov

ORS Website

The minimum time to obtain authority from the PSC and a certificate from the ORS is approximately four (4) weeks.

PHASE 1 - CERTIFICATION PROCESS - Public Service Commission - Clerk's Office

If you have any questions regarding the completion of the Transportation Cover Sheet and/or the Class C Taxi Application, please call the Clerk's Office at 803-896-5100.

Step 1: Complete and Submit the Application.

****Please ensure your name/name of business is consistent throughout the Application****

- A. Complete all sections of the Transportation Cover Sheet and Class C Taxi Application.
- B. Provide all signatures as required.
- C. Application must be notarized in appropriate area.
- D. If Applicant is an LLC or incorporated, please attach a copy of the Certificate of Existence from the South Carolina Secretary of State and Articles of Incorporation.
- F. Mail or Fax the completed Transportation Cover Sheet, Class C Taxi Application, and attachments to:

**Public Service Commission
Clerk's Office
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210
Fax: 803-896-5199**

AND

Office of Regulatory Staff
Transportation Department
1401 Main Street, Suite 900
Columbia, SC 29201
Fax: 803-737-0815

Step 2: Application is assigned a Docket Number.

- A. Applicant will receive a confirmation letter indicating the Docket Number assignment. Information (filings, correspondence, etc.) is available on the Commission's Docket Management System (DMS) at <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web>.

Link to DMS

Step 3: Public Service Commission Action

- A. The application is placed on the Commission's Agenda. The application is reviewed by the Commission one week as an advised item and the next week as an action item.
- B. The week the application is on the agenda as an action item, the Commission may discuss and approve or deny the application at its regularly scheduled Public Service Commission Meeting. (See PSC website for calendar.)
- C. The applicant will receive an Order from the Commission approving or denying the application.
- D. If approved, the applicant has 90 days from the date of the Order to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission.

PHASE 2 - COMPLIANCE PROCESS - Office of Regulatory Staff - Transportation Department

If you have any questions regarding the requirements to comply with the PSC's Order to obtain a Certificate to begin operating in the State of South Carolina, please contact the Transportation Department at the Office of Regulatory Staff at 803-737-0800.

Complete Steps 4 and 5 only after your application has been approved by the PSC and you have received an Order.

Step 4: Obtaining a Certificate by Complying with the Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations

- A. License Decal Sticker - Mail payment (cash, check, or money order) for license decal sticker(s) along with a completed Application for License Decal form to ORS. (Form available on the ORS website):

Office of Regulatory Staff
Transportation Department
1401 Main Street, Suite 901
Columbia, SC 29201

ORS Forms

- B. Vehicle/Records Inspection
 - 1. Vehicles must be inspected by ORS staff prior to issuance of certificate.
 - 2. An ORS inspector will contact the Applicant to schedule an appointment to complete the Initial Inspection Report.
- C. Proof of Insurance - Contact your insurance agent and request the insurance carrier complete and file the Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability Certificate of Insurance (**FORM E.**) The insurance carrier must file Form E with ORS. Form E can be scanned and emailed, faxed or mailed to:

Office of Regulatory Staff
Transportation Department
1401 Main Street, Suite 901
Columbia, SC 29201
Fax: 803-737-0815

Step 5: Issuance of Certificate

- A. Applicant will receive a Certificate upon completion of Step 4.
- B. **Operation without the Certificate is prohibited.**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

(Caption of Case)

Example: Application for a Class C Charter Certificate from
John Doe dba Doe's Limo

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

TRANSPORTATION COVER SHEET

DOCKET

NUMBER:----- _____

If this is your first time filing an application with the PSC, you will not have a Docket Number. The Commission will assign one to you. If you have filed with the Commission before, a Docket Number was assigned and should be entered above.

(Please type or print)

Submitted by: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Fax: _____

Other: _____

Email: _____

NOTE: The cover sheet and information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law. This form is required for use by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for the purpose of docketing and must be filled out completely.

NATURE OF ACTION (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class A/A Restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Name Change on Certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class C Taxi | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Amend Scope of Authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class C Charter | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Amend Tariff (rate increase, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class C Charter Bus | <input type="checkbox"/> Request to Amend Passenger Limit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class C Non-Emergency | <input type="checkbox"/> Request |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class C Stretcher Van | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class E Household Goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Late-Filed Exhibit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application - Class E Hazardous Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Extension to Comply with Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Publisher's Affidavit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Order Granting Authority to Obtain a Certificate to be Rescinded | <input type="checkbox"/> Reservation Letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Cancellation of Certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Response |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Suspension | <input type="checkbox"/> Return to Petition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Reinstatement | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

If you have any questions about this form, please contact the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 803-896-5100.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Phone: (803) 896-5100 Fax: (803) 896-5199

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE FOR OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIER

Date: _____

CLASS C - TAXI

Application is hereby made for a Certificate, in accordance with the provision of S.C. Code Ann., § 58-23-10, et seq. (1976), and amendments thereto.

1.

Name under which business is to be conducted (corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship, with or without trade name.)

Street Address of Applicant

Mailing Address of Applicant (if different from street address)

Phone

Fax

Email Address

2. If the Applicant is an LLC or a corporation, a copy of the Certificate of Existence from the South Carolina Secretary of State and the Articles of Incorporation must be attached. (If incorporated outside of SC, attach South Carolina Secretary of State "Foreign Corporation" Certificate.)

3. Applicant must provide a State Criminal Background Check from the state where the Applicant currently lives.

4. Select Entity Type: (Check one)

Individual Owner/Sole Proprietorship

Partnership - List names and addresses of all person having an interest in the business.

Corporation - List names and addresses of two principal officers.

Applicant is financially able to furnish the services as specified in this application and submits the following statement of assets and liabilities.

Financial Statement

Applicant's assets and liabilities are as follows:

<u>Assets:</u>		<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Value of Real Estate		Mortgage/Loan on Real Estate	
Value of Motor Vehicles		Loans Owed on Motor Vehicles	
Cash on Hand		Business/Other Loans Owed	
Cash in Bank		Other Liabilities or Debts	
Value of Other Assets and Equipment		Total Liabilities	
Total Assets			

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. “Value of Real Estate” means the actual or estimated market value of any real property/buildings owned by the Company/Business Applying for a Certificate.
2. “Mortgage/Loan on Real Estate” means the outstanding balance on any Mortgage, Equity Line or other Loan secured by the Real Estate listed in Item 1.
3. “Value of Motor Vehicles” means the actual or fair estimated value of any moving vans, trucks or other vehicles owned by the Company/Business Applying for a Certificate.
4. “Loans Owed on Motor Vehicles” means the outstanding balance on any loans or liens on the vehicles listed in Item 3.
5. “Cash on Hand” is the total of actual cash held by the Company/Business applying for a Certificate on the day this form is filled out.
6. “Business/Other Loans Owed” means the outstanding balance on any small business loan or other unsecured loan made by a person, bank or business to the Business/Company applying for a Certificate.
7. “Cash in Bank” means the current balance in checking accounts, savings accounts or the like in the name of the Company/Business applying for a Certificate. Do not include retirement accounts or personal bank account balances.
8. “Value of Other Assets and Equipment” should include the actual or estimated value of items such as office equipment (computers/furnishings), moving equipment (hand trucks/blankets/strapping), and trailers.
9. “Other Liabilities or Debts” means specific amounts/balances which the Company/Business applying for a Certificate knows that it owes to other persons or companies; for example Franchise Fees. This does NOT include regular bills such as electricity bills, security system costs, insurance, salaries, etc.

PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICE

Proposed Rates and Charges:

Requested Scope of Authority: Check all counties in which you are requesting permission to operate. You will only be allowed to operate in those counties checked below. You may request "Statewide" authority if you intend to operate in all counties in South Carolina.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abbeville | <input type="checkbox"/> Cherokee | <input type="checkbox"/> Florence | <input type="checkbox"/> Lee | <input type="checkbox"/> Saluda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aiken | <input type="checkbox"/> Chester | <input type="checkbox"/> Georgetown | <input type="checkbox"/> Lexington | <input type="checkbox"/> Spartanburg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allendale | <input type="checkbox"/> Chesterfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenville | <input type="checkbox"/> Marion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sumter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anderson | <input type="checkbox"/> Clarendon | <input type="checkbox"/> Greenwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Marlboro | <input type="checkbox"/> Union |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bamberg | <input type="checkbox"/> Colleton | <input type="checkbox"/> Hampton | <input type="checkbox"/> McCormick | <input type="checkbox"/> Williamsburg |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barnwell | <input type="checkbox"/> Darlington | <input type="checkbox"/> Horry | <input type="checkbox"/> Newberry | <input type="checkbox"/> York |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaufort | <input type="checkbox"/> Dillon | <input type="checkbox"/> Jasper | <input type="checkbox"/> Oconee | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berkeley | <input type="checkbox"/> Dorchester | <input type="checkbox"/> Kershaw | <input type="checkbox"/> Orangeburg | <input type="checkbox"/> Statewide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Calhoun | <input type="checkbox"/> Edgefield | <input type="checkbox"/> Lancaster | <input type="checkbox"/> Pickens | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charleston | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield | <input type="checkbox"/> Laurens | <input type="checkbox"/> Richland | |

INSURANCE QUOTE

This form **MUST BE COMPLETED.**

The insurance quote must be complete, listing current insurance premiums. At the discretion of the Commission, a copy of current insurance policies may be required. Do not provide a copy of **insurance policies** unless requested. You will not be required to purchase insurance until your application has been approved and an order has been issued by the PSC. **THIS IS ONLY A QUOTE.** Please attach (or include) a copy of a quote from the insurance company.

The following insurance quote is for:

Name of Applicant

Address of Applicant

Name of Insurance Company

Website or Home Office Address of Company

The Insurance Company quote must show the following:

- Liability Insurance Premium
- Liability Insurance Coverage Limits
- Term of Coverage

Minimum Limits - Intrastate Only:

1-7 Passengers*	\$ 25,000/50,000/25,000
8-15 Passengers*	\$ 25,000/100,000/25,000

* Passengers = Number of seatbelts in the vehicle, including the driver's seatbelt

I am familiar with the Commission's Rules and Regulations relating to insurance requirements and the above quote meets the minimum insurance limits prescribed. The insurance company making this quote is authorized by the South Carolina Department of Insurance to do business in South Carolina.

NOTICE:

If you wish to self-insure your motor vehicles for liability and property damage, you must comply with S.C. Code Ann. Sections 56-9-60 and 58-23-910. For more information, contact the Department of Motor Vehicles at (803) 896-8457 or (803) 896-9903.

If you wish to apply as a self-insured for worker's compensation coverage in South Carolina you may do so with the South Carolina Worker's Compensation Commission (WCC) provided that you will be able to: 1) post a surety bond or letter-of-credit with the WCC for a minimum of \$500,000, 2) agree to pay a yearly self-insurance tax, and 3) agree to pay an annual assessment to the South Carolina Second Injury Fund. For more information, contact the WCC Self-Insurance Division at (803) 737-5712 or on the web at www.wcc.state.sc.us/self-insurance.

Exhibit Fit, Willing, and Able (FWA)

Name of Applicant

1. Are there currently any outstanding judgments against the Applicant?

- Yes No

If Yes, list judgements here:

2. Is Applicant familiar with all statutes and regulations, including safety regulations and governing for-hire motor carrier operations in South South Carolina, and does Applicant agree to operate in compliance with these statutes and regulations?

- Yes No

3. Is Applicant aware of the Commission's insurance requirements and the insurance premium costs associated therewith?

- Yes No

Exhibit on Driver Qualifications

1. Applicant understands that all drivers must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
 Yes No

2. Applicant understands that a certified copy of the driver's three (3) year driving record issued by the SC DMV and such record from the DMV of the state in which the driver is or has been domiciled for such period must be maintained in the Applicant's business office.
 Yes No

3. Applicant understands that a criminal history background check from the state where the driver currently lives must be maintained in the Applicant's business office.
 Yes No

4. Applicant understands that all drivers operating a vehicle under a Class C Taxi Certificate must have in their possession when operating a charter vehicle, a valid driver's license issued by the SC DMV or the current state of residence of the driver.
 Yes No

5. Applicant understands that all Class C Taxi Certificate holders are prohibited from employing or leasing vehicles to drivers who are registered, or required to be registered, as sex offenders with the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division or any national registry of sex offenders.
 Yes No

