To All Common or Contract Carriers

Your Common or Contract Carrier Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption issued by the Nebraska Department of Revenue (Department) will expire on October 31, 2018.

If you will continue to operate any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, watercraft, or aircraft (vehicles) in a common or contract carrier capacity after October 31, 2018, you must complete and return the Nebraska Exemption Application, Form 5, and Schedule A, before October 15, 2018. Form 5 is available on the Department’s website, revenue.nebraska.gov, Click on “Forms,” and select 5 – Nebraska Exemption Application for Common or Contract Carrier’s Sales and Use Tax from the drop-down menu of all current Nebraska forms.

Failure to return a properly completed and signed application with required attachments could cause the application to be returned and delay the issuance of your certificate of exemption.

If your application is approved, you will receive a new Common or Contract Carrier Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption on or before November 1, 2018. This certificate is valid through October 31, 2023. It can only be used to make sales tax exempt purchases of vehicles that are used predominantly in a common or contract carrier capacity, and parts for these vehicles.

Form 5, Schedule A Completion

Although the Department issues only one certificate of exemption to each company, the common or contract carrier exemption is for the vehicles and not the company. All vehicles that are used to transport the property of others, or to transport persons for hire predominantly in a common or contract carrier capacity must be listed on Schedule A. A computer printout providing the same information as required on Schedule A, may be submitted in lieu of completing the Schedule A. Companies who have filed, or are required to file, an International Registration Plan (IRP) Renewal Application in 2018 may attach a copy of the application with the mileage information for each vehicle used predominantly in a common or contract carrier capacity. Vehicles not included on the IRP Renewal Application that are used predominantly in a common or contract carrier capacity must be listed on Schedule A.

Form 5, Schedule A, Column A Miles

Companies, other than those required to file an IRP Renewal Application, must enter in Column A the total actual miles or hours for each vehicle used to transport people or property from place to place for compensation including the related deadhead miles in all states for the previous 12-month period prior to the date of the application.

Exclude from each of the vehicle’s total actual miles all miles the vehicle traveled while under lease or trip lease to another carrier or company. Miles traveled while under lease or trip lease include all front haul and back haul leased miles and miles traveled when the customer who owns the property being transported provided the operators of the vehicle.
Form 5, Schedule A, Column B Miles

Companies must enter in Column B the total actual miles traveled in all states for each vehicle for items 1 through 5 below for the same period used to complete Column A:

1. Miles traveled transporting property owned by your company;
2. Deadhead miles traveled to pick up or return to base when the property transported was owned by your company;
3. Miles traveled transporting property pursuant to construction, excavation, or demolition contracts awarded to your company;
4. Miles traveled transporting property pursuant to a contract for which your company is billing for materials, property, and transportation costs; and
5. Miles traveled to go to a maintenance site, or for testing purposes.

Nonqualified Uses of Vehicles

Vehicles used by construction contractors, rock, sand, and gravel companies, farm cooperatives, refuse (garbage) haulers, recycling service companies, land leveling and excavation companies, custom grain harvesters, house movers, grain dealers, and water haulers generally do not qualify for this exemption. Vehicles owned by these companies are typically used to transport property pursuant to a contract awarded to their company and/or to transport their own equipment. Miles traveled by vehicles used in this manner are not qualified common or contract carrier miles.