



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4501:1-8-02 Definitions.

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As provided in this chapter:

(A) "Fleet" means one or more apportionable vehicles.

(B) "Apportionable vehicle" means any vehicle, except recreational vehicles, vehicles displaying restricted plates, city pickup and delivery vehicles, and government-owned vehicles, used or intended for use in two or more member jurisdictions that allocate or proportionally register vehicles and is used for the transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property and:

(1) Is a power unit having two axles and a gross weight or registered gross vehicle weight in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; or

(2) Is a power unit having three or more axles regardless of weight; or

(3) Is used in combination, when the weight of such combination exceeds twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight.

(C) "Hunter's permit" means a limited permit which may be obtained by an owner-operator not operating as a lessor allowing the movement of the carrier's vehicle with a registered gross weight not in excess of the unladen weight of the vehicle.

(D) "IRP" means international registration plan.

(E) "Trip permit" means a temporary permit issued by a jurisdiction in lieu of regular apportioned license plates and cab card.

(F) "Trip lease" means lease of a vehicle to a lessee for a one trip operation only.



(G) "Unladen weight" means actual weight of a vehicle including the cab, body, and all accessories with which the vehicle is equipped for normal use on the highway, excluding the weight of any load.

(H) "Jurisdiction" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a state, province, or territory of another country.

(I) "Member jurisdiction" means a state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a state, province, or territory of another country and which is a signatory of the IRP.

(J) "Base jurisdiction" means the member jurisdiction, selected in accordance with section 305 of the IRP plan, to which an applicant applies for apportioned registration under the plan or the member jurisdiction that issues apportioned registration to a registrant under the plan. The registrar may require documentation in the name of the applicant, registrant, or the principal owner, to verify an Ohio IRP applicant or registrant's claim of Ohio as their base jurisdiction.

(K) "Rental fleet" means five or more vehicles rented or offered for rent with or without drivers; the giving of possession and control of vehicles for a specified time and which have been designated as a rental fleet.

(L) "Owner-operator" means a lessor who leases a vehicle with a driver to a carrier.

(M) "Established place of business" means a physical structure located within the base jurisdiction that is owned by the applicant or registrant, or leased between the property owner and the applicant or registrant where such lease agreements shall be for no less than twelve months. The street address of the established place of business shall be specified by the applicant or registrant. The physical structure shall have clear company signage with hours of operation posted, be open for business and shall be staffed a minimum of twenty hours per week by one or more persons employed by the applicant or registrant on a permanent basis (i.e., not an independent contractor) for the purpose of the general management of the applicant's or registrant's trucking related business (i.e., not limited to credentialing, distance and fuel reporting, and answering telephone inquiries). Virtual, co-working, shared, and/or member service agreement contracts for shared office spaces shall not qualify as an established place of business lease regardless of the length of the agreement. Shared office spaces are



physical structures where multiple businesses or individuals share common facilities, and resources, such as office space, meeting rooms, and administrative services. Trucking-related business encompasses a wide range of activities related to the transportation of goods by trucks. These operations involve several key components, such as:

- (1) Logistics planning;
- (2) Fleet management including vehicle maintenance;
- (3) Driver management;
- (4) Load handling;
- (5) Regulatory compliance;
- (6) Customer service;
- (7) Technology integration.

(N) "Residence" is a declared address within a member jurisdiction which is reflected on the driver license of the registrant, applicant, or principal owner and any additional documentation authorized to support the selection of the member jurisdiction as the applicant's base jurisdiction. All submitted documents must reflect the declared address and clearly evidence the applicant's legal residency to the satisfaction of the member jurisdiction. If an applicant, or registrant, has an established place of business in a member jurisdiction, they may not select their base jurisdiction by using this residence definition.