



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:2-15-01 Definitions.

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- (A) "Base state" means a participating state in which a motor carrier, motor private carrier, broker, leasing company, or freight forwarder subject to the unified carrier registration plan shall designate.
- (B) "Broker" means a person who, for compensation, sells, arranges for, or offers to arrange the transportation of persons or property by motor carrier.
- (C) "Commission" means the public utilities commission of Ohio.
- (D) "Freight forwarder" means a person who, for compensation, arranges for or offers to arrange for the transportation of property belonging to others, utilizing motor carriers to provide the actual transportation, and in the ordinary course of its business:
- (1) Assembles and consolidates, or provides for assembling and consolidating, shipments and performs or provides for break-bulk and distribution operations of the shipments; and
 - (2) Assumes responsibility for the transportation from the place of receipt to the place of destination.
- (E) "Interstate commerce" has the same meaning as in section 4921.01 of the Revised Code.
- (F) "Leasing company" means a person engaged in the business of leasing or renting, for compensation, motor vehicles without drivers to a motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder.
- (G) "Motor carrier" means a person engaged in the business of transporting persons or property by motor vehicle for compensation, in interstate commerce.
- (H) "Motor private carrier" means a person who is not a motor carrier but is engaged in the transportation of property by motor vehicle in interstate commerce in order to support its primary



line of business.

(I) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is self-propelled by mechanical power and used upon the highways in the transportation of persons or property, or any combination thereof, but does not include any vehicle, locomotive, or car operated exclusively on a rail or rails, or a trolley bus operated by electric power derived from a fixed overhead wire, furnishing local passenger transportation similar to street-railway service.

(J) "Participating state" means a state that participates in the unified carrier registration plan.

(K) "Principal place of business" means a single location that serves as a registrant's headquarters, and where the registrant maintains or can make available its operational records.

(L) "Registrant" means a motor carrier, motor private carrier, broker, leasing company, or freight forwarder that has selected Ohio as its base state and has registered with the commission pursuant to the unified carrier registration agreement.

(M) "Registration year" means a calendar year.

(N) "Staff" means employees of the transportation department of the commission.

(O) "Unified carrier registration plan" means the organization of state, federal, and industry representatives responsible for developing, implementing, and administering the unified carrier registration agreement.