

**TAX TIPS FOR
TAXICAB OR BUS OPERATOR
CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN DELAWARE**

Things You Should Know

Definitions *30 Del.C., Ch. 23*

A taxicab or bus operator includes every person engaged in the business of the operation of motor vehicles in transporting persons for hire in the accommodation of the general public. A public carrier must obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Delaware Transportation Authority of the Department of Transportation authorizing it to operate a taxicab business. A person who operates a taxicab business through the leasing of its taxicab vehicles to independent contractor lessee drivers, must obtain the business license for each vehicle. The contractor lessee drivers are not required to obtain a business license as a taxicab or bus operator.

The operation of school buses used solely for transporting children to and from kindergarten, grade school, vocational school and high school and school sponsored activities, i.e. sporting events or field trips, are exempt from this category. If the school buses are used for other activities, an additional license is required as a general service provider.

Gross Receipts

A taxicab or bus operator is exempt from the gross receipts tax on the receipts received.

License and Gross Receipts Requirements

A taxicab or bus operator is required to obtain a business license for a fee of \$45 for the first motor vehicle and \$30 for each additional motor vehicle which must be renewed annually on or before December 31st of each year. To register with the Division of Revenue and obtain a business license, please complete a Combined Registration Application and mail to the Division of Revenue with the appropriate fee.

Regulatory and Local Requirements

The Business License Issued by the Division of Revenue is not a regulatory license and the issuance of such license does not attest to the qualifications of the applicant to perform the activity described on such license. Many local jurisdictions have requirements for a business license and may have restrictions concerning the locations of conducting the referenced business activity. Please check with the local government office in the town, city or county in which you will conduct your business.

The State of Delaware also has a Division of Professional Regulations. Many occupations and some types of equipment have regulatory requirements. Please contact the Division of Professional Regulation for more information.

General

If you have any questions, please contact one of the following offices

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