

Hazardous Waste Transporter Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What do I need in order to legally transport hazardous waste in California?**

You must apply to the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to obtain a Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration. DTSC, upon determining that your application is complete, will issue a Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Certificate. The determination process can take from one to several weeks, depending on several factors. Once issued, a registration expires after one year. To renew your registration, you must re-apply at least one month (preferably 45 days) prior to the expiration date. Persons who transport hazardous waste without a current and valid registration are subject to penalties of up to \$25,000 per day.
2. **How do I apply for, or renew my hazardous waste transporter registration?**

Read and complete the required forms and supplemental information in the Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration Packet. This is available by request via email, mail, or the information packet and forms can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Transporters/index.cfm>.
3. **What do I need to apply?**
 - A. An active transporter EPA ID number;
 - B. An application Form 187;
 - C. Proof of adequate insurance (either a MCS 90, MCS 82, or DTSC Form 8038);
 - D. Any requested variances (if applicable).
4. **How much insurance do I need to transport hazardous waste?**

RCRA Waste	\$1.0 Million
Non-RCRA	\$1.0 Million
Oil in drums totaling less than 119 gallons per drum	\$1.0 Million
Oil in tanks with capacity above 119 gallons	\$1.2 Million
Hazardous Waste of Concern (HWC)	\$5.0 Million
Gross vehicle weight rating less than 10,000 (including waste).	\$600,000 (proof required)
Gross vehicle weight rating less than 10,000 (including waste) with approved Small Load Operations (SLO) Variance	No proof of insurance required.

5. **How do I get an EPA ID number?**
 - A. For State EPA ID numbers (non-RCRA waste only), complete DTSC Form 1358 (included in the packet). The Generator Information Services Section (GISS) may be contacted at (916) 255-1136, or (800) 618-6942 for further information.
 - B. For Federal EPA ID numbers (RCRA waste), complete EPA Form 8700-12 (included in the packet). Tetra Tech (a contractor for the US EPA) may be contacted at (415) 495-8895 for further information.

6. Where do I mail the application?

The Transportation Unit has moved! Send materials to:
Transportation Unit – DTSC
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
Attn: Transportation
Or fax to: (916) 255-6436

7. How do I check on the status of my transporter application?

Go to the website <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/Transporters/Trans000.cfm> to see if the expiration date has been updated. Status check requests can also be emailed to transporter@dtsc.ca.gov.

8. How long is the application review process?

The determination process can take from one to several weeks, depending on several factors such as completeness, a history of violations or enforcement actions, etc.

9. How long is the registration valid?

A registration expires after one year. To renew your registration, you must re-apply at least one month (preferably 45 days) prior to the expiration date.

10. Who do I need to register with if I want to haul medical waste (e.g., old pharmaceuticals, used sharps)?

1. DTSC's Transportation Unit;
2. Department of Health Services – Medical Waste Management Program (http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/ddwem/environmental/med_waste/default.htm) at (916) 449-5671.

11. How do I find a transporter in my area?

Search the Registered Hazardous Waste Transporter database online at <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/Transporters/Trans000.cfm>.

12. How do I report the conduct of a transporter?

Call the Complaint Hotline at (800) 698-6942.

13. I have manifest, EPA ID number, or fee questions, whom should I talk to?

Contact the Generator Information Services Section (GISS) at (916) 255-1136, or (800) 618-6942

14. Where do I send manifests?

Please view the fact sheet at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/IDManifest/upload/HWM_Manifest_SupCAManInstr.pdf.