

# WHAT IS A **COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE?**

# **FMCSR INTERSTATE COMMERCE**

A motor vehicle used on a highway in interstate commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle—

- 1) Has a GVWR or GCVWR of
- 10,001 pounds or greater;
  2) Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver) for
- compensation; or 3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers
- (including the driver); or Is used to transport hazardous materials.

49 C.F.R. § 390.5

### **TEXAS INTRASTATE COMMERCE**

A motor vehicle, that is used on a public highway to transport passengers or cargo if the vehicle-

- Has a GVWR or GCVWR exceeding 26,000 pounds;
- Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers (including the driver); or
- 3) Is used to transport hazardous materials.

Tex. Transp. Code § 548.001

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**FMCSR (INTERSTATE)** 

<u>Yes</u>, if transporting passengers for compensation.

<u>No</u>, if transport is not for compensation.

**TEXAS (INTRASTATE)** 

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Yes, if hauling property. (GCVWR over 10,001 pounds).

# TEXAS INTRASTATE

No. GCVWR under 26,001 pounds

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