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**Adoption by reference rulemaking**  
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**Chapter 480-30      Auto Transportation Companies**

**Amend      WAC 480-30-010      Definitions.**

(1) Unless the language or context indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, terms, and phrases shall, for the purpose of this order, be given the meanings hereinafter subjoined to them:

(2) The word "state" means the state of Washington.

(3) The word "commission" means the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

(4) The word "certificate" means the certificate authorized to be issued to an auto transportation company for the transportation of passengers or passengers and express under the provisions of chapter 81.68 RCW.

(5) The term "public highway," when used herein, means every street, road or highway in this state.

(6) The term "motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles or machines propelled by any power other than muscular, used upon the public highways for the transportation of persons for compensation.

(7) The words "between fixed termini or over a regular route" mean the termini or route between or over which any auto transportation company usually or ordinarily operates any motor propelled vehicle, even though there may be departure from the termini or route, whether the departures are periodic or irregular.

(8) The term "auto transportation company" means every corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, receivers, or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating, or managing any motor propelled vehicle not usually operated on or over rails used in the business of transporting persons, baggage, mail, and express for compensation over any public highway in this state between fixed termini or over a regular route, and not operating exclusively within the incorporated limits of any city or town.

(9) Chapter 480-30 WAC does not apply to corporations or persons, their lessees, trustees, receivers, or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever insofar as they own, control, operate, or manage taxicabs, hotel buses, school buses, motor propelled vehicles operated exclusively in transporting agricultural, horticultural, dairy, or other farm products from the point of production to the market, or any other carrier that does not come within the term "auto transportation company" as defined in RCW 81.68.010. Chapter 480-30 WAC does not apply to persons operating motor vehicles when operated wholly within the limits of incorporated cities or towns, and for a distance not exceeding three road miles beyond the corporate limits of the city or town in the state of Washington in which the original starting point of the vehicle is located, and which operation either alone or in conjunction with another vehicle or vehicles is not a part of any journey beyond the three-mile limit. Except as specifically provided herein, chapter 480-30 WAC does not apply to commuter ride sharing or ride sharing for the elderly and the

handicapped in accordance with RCW 46.74.010, so long as the ride-sharing operation does not compete with nor infringe upon comparable service actually being provided before the initiation of the ride-sharing operation by an existing auto transportation company certificated under chapter 81.68 RCW.

—(10) The term "private, nonprofit transportation provider" means any private, nonprofit corporation providing transportation services for compensation solely to elderly or handicapped persons and their attendants.

—(11) The term "elderly" shall mean any person sixty years of age or older.

—(12) The term "handicapped" means all persons who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to use mass transportation facilities and services as efficiently as persons who are not so affected. Handicapped people include (a) ambulatory persons whose capacities are hindered by sensory disabilities such as blindness or deafness, mental disabilities such as mental retardation or emotional illness, physical disability which still permits the person to walk comfortably, or a combination of these disabilities; (b) semiambulatory persons who require special aids to travel such as canes, crutches, walkers, respirators, or human assistance; and (c) nonambulatory persons who must use wheelchairs or wheelchair-like equipment to travel.

### **Comments:**

1. The definitions in subsections (10), (11), and (12) apply to Private Non-Profit Transportation Providers. The commission established a new chapter of rules (480-31) for Private Non-Profit Transportation Providers in 1997 and moved the definitions to WAC 480-31-030.

### **Repeal - Moved to WAC 480-30-999**

**WAC 480-30-015 — Adoption by reference defined.**

Where referred to in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

—(1) "North American Uniform Out of Service Criteria" published by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) refers to the version in effect on April 1, 1999.

—(2) "Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations", cited as 49 CFR, includes the regulations and all appendices and amendments in effect on October 1, 1998.

—(3) The documents are available for public inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library, located with the headquarters offices of the commission. A copy of either document may be obtained upon request from the commission secretary, subject to any pertinent charge. The Code of Federal Regulations is also available from the Government Printing Office, Seattle office.

### **Comments:**

1. Repeal and move to 480-30-999.

**Amend**

**WAC 480-30-030 Certificates -- Auto transportation companies.**

(1) No auto transportation company shall operate, establish, or begin operation of a line or route or any extension of any existing line or route for the purpose of transporting persons on the public highways of this state, without first having obtained from the commission a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity requires, or will require, the establishment and operation of such line or route.

(2) No certificate will be issued to persons operating under a trade name, unless a certificate of said trade name is filed in accordance with the provisions of RCW 19.80.010, and a certified copy thereof filed with the commission.

(3) Certificates must be kept on file at the main office of the owner except when directed to be transmitted to the commission, and shall be subject at all times to inspection by the authorized representatives of the commission.

(4) Any certificate to operate a motor propelled vehicle for the transportation of persons for compensation obtained upon any application by any false affidavit or representation shall be subject to revocation and cancellation by the commission.

(5) Every auto transportation company shall submit, at the time of filing quarterly reports of gross operating revenue, as required by WAC 480-30-110(1), on forms to be prescribed and furnished by the commission, a list of all vehicles used under its certificate during the preceding quarter, or portion thereof.

(6) All auto transportation companies shall keep on file in their main offices, subject to inspection by the authorized representatives of the commission, a daily record of vehicles used, showing:

- (a) Description of each vehicle used;
- (b) Number of trips and to what points each of said vehicles was operated;
- (c) Drivers' time sheets for each day's employment;
- (d) Copies of all accident reports.

(7) No auto transportation company certificate shall be sold or transferred unless the purchaser thereof shall agree in writing to pay all lawful claims against the seller for loss of or damage to shipments, overcharges, or money collected on C.O.D. shipments that may be presented to him within sixty days after the date of the transfer. The agreement herein provided for must be included in the application to transfer.

(8) No certificate, nor any right thereunder, shall be sold, assigned, leased, transferred or mortgaged except upon authorization by the commission. Application for such sale, assignment, lease, transfer or mortgage must be made up in accordance with subsection (9) of this section, must be joined in by all parties interested and must be accompanied by the original certificate, the same to be held by the commission pending its decision in the matter.

(9) Applications for certificates, extension of service, line or route under certificates, shall be typewritten, on forms to be furnished by the commission, giving all information therein requested and accompanied by the application fee named in subsection (11) of this section.

(10) Application for sale, lease, or transfer, or for authority to mortgage a certificate or any interest therein shall be typewritten on forms to be furnished by the commission, giving all

information requested and accompanied by the application fee named in subsection (11) of this section.

(11) Miscellaneous fees:

Application for certificate . . . . .	\$150.00
Application for extension of service, line or route under a certificate . . . . .	150.00
Application for sale, transfer, lease, assignment or other encumbering of a certificate or any interest therein . . . . .	150.00
Application for authority to mortgage a certificate . . . . .	35.00
Application for issuance of a duplicate certificate . . . . .	3.00

Exception:

~~— The \$150.00 fees named above are reduced to \$50.00 for applications for private, nonprofit transportation authority under WAC 480-30-035.~~

(12) All applications for a duplicate certificate must be accompanied by affidavit of the holder stating that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed.

(13) Whenever an order is entered by the commission revoking a previous order granting a certificate, or revoking a certificate already issued, and subsequently an application is made for reinstatement of such order or certificate, the party or parties applying for reinstatement shall pay the fee required by the rules for an original application.

(14) Remittances shall be made by money order, bank draft or certified check, made payable to the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

Comments:

1. Remove exception in subsection (11) as it applies to Private Non-Profit Transportation Providers which was moved to Chapter 480-31 in 1997.

**Repeal**

~~WAC 480-30-035 — Certificates — Private, nonprofit transportation providers.~~

~~(1) No private, nonprofit transportation provider may operate in this state without first having obtained from the commission a certificate to operate as such.~~

~~— (2) Any right, privilege, or certificate held, owned, or obtained by a private, nonprofit transportation provider may be sold, assigned, leased, transferred, or inherited as other property only upon authorization by the commission.~~

~~— (3) The commission shall issue a certificate to any corporation which files an application, as provided by the commission, which sets forth:~~

~~— (a) Satisfactory proof of status as a private, nonprofit corporation;~~

~~— (b) The kind of service to be provided;~~

- ~~—(c) The number and type of vehicles to be operated, together with satisfactory proof that the vehicles are adequate for the proposed service and that drivers of such vehicles will be adequately trained and qualified;~~
- ~~—(d) Any proposed rates, fares, or charges;~~
- ~~—(e) Satisfactory proof of insurance or surety bond.~~
- ~~—(4) The commission may deny a certificate to a provider who does not meet the requirements of this section.~~
- ~~—(5) Each vehicle of a private, nonprofit transportation provider shall carry a copy of the provider's certificate.~~
- ~~—(6) Every private, nonprofit transportation provider shall comply with all rules and regulations of chapter 480-30 WAC pertaining to auto transportation companies except when inconsistent with this section or when otherwise provided for.~~
- ~~—(7) Any private, nonprofit transportation provider need not file with the commission a copy of a tariff showing fares, rates, or charges as required by WAC 480-30-050 when such are not levied.~~
- ~~—(8) Any private, nonprofit transportation provider which does not maintain scheduled service on a regular basis need not file with the commission copies of time schedules as required by WAC 480-30-060.~~

Comments:

1. Repeal as it applies to Private Non-Profit Transportation Providers which was moved to Chapter 480-31 in 1997.

**Amend**

**WAC 480-30-095      Equipment -- Safety.**

In addition to other laws and regulations of this state, all motor vehicles operating under chapter 81.68 RCW shall comply with the following:

(1) Adoption of United States Department of Transportation motor carrier safety regulations. The rules and regulations governing motor carrier safety prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 392, part 393, part 396, and part 397, in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999 are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all auto transportation companies operating under chapter 81.68 RCW. Exceptions: All auto transportation companies operating exclusively in intrastate commerce shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 392.2 and 393.76. Further, with respect to section 396.11 no driver vehicle inspection report need be filed if no defects are found.

(2) Whenever the designations "director, office of motor carrier safety," "director, regional motor carrier safety office," "regional highway administrator," and "federal highway administration" are used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in subsection (1) of this section, such designations for the purpose of this rule shall mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission."

**Comments**

**1. Change in subsection (1) adds a cross-reference to 480-30-999.**

**Amend**

**WAC 480-30-097      Equipment -- Inspection -- Ordered for repairs.**

(1) All motor vehicles operated under chapter 81.68 RCW shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. They shall at all times be subject to inspection by the commission and its duly authorized representatives who shall have power to order out-of-service any vehicle meeting the standards set forth in this section, or is not being operated in compliance with state laws in regard to equipment or method.

(2) Equipment standards. The purpose of this section is to identify critical vehicle inspection items and provide criteria for placing a vehicle(s) in an out-of-service or restricted service category subsequent to a safety inspection. The criteria for out-of-service condition and restricted service condition are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria **in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999**. ~~Copies of this document are available from the commission upon request.~~

(a) Out-of-service condition. When any vehicle(s) is in out-of-service condition, no motor carrier shall require nor shall any person operate such motor vehicle declared and marked "out-of-service" until all required repairs have been satisfactorily completed.

(b) Restricted service condition. Any motor vehicle(s) discovered to be in a restricted service condition, while being operated on the highway, may be placed out-of-service at the inspection site or allowed to continue in operation to a repair facility at a distance not to exceed twenty-five miles, at the discretion of the inspector.

**Comments**

**1. Change in subsection (2) adds a cross-reference to 480-30-999.**

**Amend**

**WAC 480-30-100      Operation of motor vehicles.**

(1) All motor vehicles shall be operated in accordance with the requirements of existing state laws and no driver or operator thereof shall operate the same in any other than a careful and prudent manner, nor at any greater speed than is reasonable or proper, having due regard to the traffic and use of the highway by others, or so as to endanger the life and limb of any person.

(2) Qualifications of drivers. Adoption of United States Department of Transportation motor carrier safety regulations. The rules and regulations governing qualifications of drivers prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 382, part 383 and part 391, excluding section 391.2, **in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999** are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by

all auto transportation companies operating under chapter 81.68 RCW except carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce:

(a) The minimum age requirement for drivers prescribed in subparagraph (1) of paragraph 391.11(b) shall be eighteen years of age.

(b) With respect to the limited exemption prescribed in section 391.61, the time period identified therein shall be the period of time prior to the effective date of this rule.

(c) With respect to the limited exemptions prescribed in sections 391.65 and 391.71, the time periods identified in these sections shall have as a starting date the effective date of this rule.

(3) No driver or operator of a motor vehicle carrying passengers shall smoke any cigar, cigarette, tobacco or other substance in such vehicle while driving the vehicle.

(4) No driver or operator of a motor vehicle shall create any disturbance or unnecessary noise to attract persons to the vehicle.

(5) The rules and regulations relating to drivers' logs and drivers' hours of service adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 395, [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999](#) are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all auto transportation companies operating under chapter 81.68 RCW.

(6) No driver or operator of any motor vehicle used in the transportation of passengers shall refuse to carry any person offering himself or herself at a regular stopping place for carriage and who tenders the regular fare to any stopping place on the route of said motor vehicle, or between the termini thereof, if allowed to carry passengers to such point under the certificate for such route: Provided, however, That the driver or operator of such motor vehicle may refuse transportation to any person who is in an intoxicated condition or conducting himself or herself in a boisterous or disorderly manner or is using profane language, or whose condition is such as to be obnoxious to passengers on such motor vehicle. A driver is responsible for the comfort and safety of passengers and should be constantly on the alert for and immediately correct any act of misconduct on the part of occupants of the vehicle.

(7) No auto transportation company operating any motor vehicle used in the transportation of persons, shall permit smoking on said vehicle either by passengers or other persons while present in said motor vehicle. Auto transportation companies shall place suitable signs in buses, of sufficient size and number to adequately inform passengers that smoking is not permitted in the motor vehicle.

(8) No motor vehicle used in the transportation of persons shall carry more than one hundred fifty percent of its rated carrying capacity. No passenger shall be permitted to stand unless the vehicle is equipped with devices designed and permanently installed to provide stability and safety for standing passengers. Even if the vehicle is so equipped, no passenger shall be permitted to stand for a distance in excess of thirty-five miles.

(9) The front seat of all passenger carrying vehicles, if connected with the driver's seat, shall be considered as an emergency seat and no passenger will be allowed to occupy the same unless all of the other seats of such vehicle are fully occupied. In no case shall more than one passenger be allowed to occupy the front seat of any motor vehicle unless such seat is forty-eight or more inches in width in the clear. No passenger shall be allowed to sit in the front seat to the left of the driver.

(10) Except when specially authorized by the commission, no motor vehicle used in the transportation of passengers shall be operated or driven with any trailer or other vehicle attached thereto; except in case a vehicle becomes disabled while on a trip and is unable to be operated by its own power, such disabled vehicle may be towed without passengers to the nearest point where repair facilities are available. No right-hand drive vehicle shall be used except by special authorization of the commission and then only when equipped as directed by it.

(11) Accidents occurring in this state arising from or in connection with the operations of any auto transportation company operating under chapter 81.68 RCW resulting in an injury to any person, or the death of any person shall be reported by such carrier to the commission as soon as possible, but in no event later than twelve hours after the occurrence of the accident. The occurrence of such accidents shall be reported to the commission by telephone at ~~1-888-606-9566, the following numbers: 1-800-562-6150; or if the call is made from out of the state: 1-360-586-1119.~~ Copies of written reports of all accidents, including those described in this section, shall be maintained in the main office of the carrier subject to inspection by the commission.

(12) Auto transportation companies transporting passengers shall be responsible for the comfort of its patrons.

(13) Out-of-service criteria. All drivers operating motor vehicles under chapter 81.68 RCW shall do so in compliance with the safety rules and regulations defined therein. Duly authorized personnel of the commission shall have the power to order out-of-service any driver found to be operating in violation of those rules and regulations. The criteria for conditions under which a driver may be ordered out-of-service are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999. ~~Copies of this document are available from the commission upon request.~~

(14) Whenever the designations "director, office of motor carrier safety," "director, regional motor carrier safety office," "regional highway administrator," and "federal highway administration" are used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in subsections (2) and (5) of this section, such designations for the purpose of this rule shall mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission."

### Comments

1. Change in subsection (2) adds a cross-reference to 480-30-999.
2. Change in subsection (11) updates toll-free telephone number.
3. Change in subsection (13) adds a cross-reference to 480-30-999.

### New Section

#### WAC 480-30-999 Adoption by reference.

In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:

(1) North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria (CVSA) is published by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).



(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on April 1, 2001.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-30-097 and 480-30-100.

(c) The North American Out-of-Service Criteria is a copyrighted document. Copies are available from CVSA in Bethesda, Maryland.

(2) **Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations**, cited as 49 CFR, including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 1, 2000.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-30-095 and 480-30-100.

(c) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Seattle Office of the Government Printing Office and from various third party vendors.

Comments:

1. New section created to change the section number to be consistent through out Title 480 chapters.

2. Adoption by reference dates changed.

3. Cross-references added that identify the sections within this chapter that refer to adopted material.