

CHECKLIST

Ensure the following items are included with your Household Goods Moving application:

Transfer an existing household goods moving company:

- ☐ Completed application and correct fee
- ☒ Register with **Department of Labor & Industries**
- ☒ Register with **Employment Security Department**
- ☒ Register with **Department of Revenue/Business Licensing Service (UBI #)**
- ☒ Register with **Secretary of State's Office** (if corporation or LLC)
- ☒ Completed required **Household Goods Industry Training**
- ☒ Copy of valid driver's license or government issued photo ID card for each person named in the application
- ☒ Evidence of your enrollment in a drug and alcohol testing program, or evidence that you have in place your own drug and alcohol testing program, *if your company operates commercial vehicles and has CDL drivers. See 49 CFR 382(e) and 383.5*
- ☒ Attachments B & C
- ☐ Closing annual report from the current company
- ☒ Evidence of insurance - combined single limit of public liability and property damage (Form E) and cargo insurance (Form H)

HOUSEHOLD GOODS MOVING COMPANY PERMIT APPLICATION

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY			
Date Filed: 8/4/2025	Company: Bernd Moving & Storage LLC		Docket #:
Receipt ID:	Payment ID: 25539	Amount Paid: \$550	
111-0268-207-02	111-0268-032-20		

Type of Household Goods Authority Requested – Check One

Fee

- ☒ **Permanent authority to transfer** resulting in a change in ownership or controlling interest (at least six months must be served on a temporary provisional basis). Complete pages 3-7, and Attachment B as well as submitting a closing annual report. **\$550**
- ☐ Permanent authority to transfer under the exceptions in **WAC 480-15-187**. Complete pages 3-7 and Attachments B & C. **\$250**



Section 1 - BUSINESS INFORMATION - To Be Completed by the Company Assuming the Permit Authority

Legal Name: **Bernd Moving & Storage, LLC**

Trade Name, if Applicable:

Physical Address: **660 N 18th Ave Yakima WA 98902**

Mailing Address: **660 N 18th Ave Yakima WA 98902**

Telephone Number: **509-453-6683**

Email: **egessele@berndmovingsystems.com**

Contact Name: **Elisha Gessele**

USDOT#: **4373607** If you do not have a USDOT number, go on-line at <https://cms8.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/forms> to apply or call 360-596-3812 for assistance.

Is your business registered with the **Department of Revenue**? ☐ No ☒ Yes

Business License/UBI#: **605341915**

Department of **Labor & Industries** (L&I) Worker's Comp Account #: **647,353-02**

Employment Security Department (ESD) registration #: **000-956079-00-7**

If you will not be setting up an account with L&I or ESD because you do not have employees, please explain how you plan to obtain workers. Per **WAC 480-15-555**, a criminal background check must be completed on each person you intend to hire. If you intend to hire day labor from a temp agency, they must perform the criminal background check. Refer also to **WAC 480-15-302** and **305**.

Type of Business

☐ Individual ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation ☒ Other (LP, LLP, LLC)

State of Incorporation

Washington

List the name, title and percentage of all partners' share or stock distribution for major stockholders:

Name	Title	Stock Distribution/% of Shares
Elisha Gessele	President	50
Heather Gessele	Secretary	50

Provide a copy of a valid driver's license or government-issued photo identification card for each person named in the application. Upload or email as a separate attachment. Application processing will not begin until the commission/Licensing has received this.

Section 2 - APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Describe the services you wish to provide. Explain how your services will enhance customer choice, promote competition, or fill an unmet need for service:

We offer local and long-distance moving, packing, and storage for residential and commercial clients. Our services provide flexible scheduling, transparent pricing, and personalized care often missing from large providers. We will enhance customer choice and provide employment opportunities for our local market through strong values and integrity.

2. Briefly describe your experience in the transportation/household goods moving industry:

I have 22 years of experience managing residential and commercial construction projects, often working along side those or managing the logistics, packing, transportation, and storage necessary on residential and commercial projects.

3. Do you currently hold, or have you ever held, a Household Goods permit in Washington?



No



Yes

If yes, please indicate your permit number:

4. Have you ever applied for and been denied a Household Goods permit in Washington?



No



Yes

If yes, please explain:

5. Do you currently operate interstate? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please indicate your MC#

6. If you have interstate authority, have you registered for Unified Carrier Registration? ☒ No ☐ Yes

7. Do you operate interstate as an agent of another company? ☒ No ☐ Yes

If yes, what is the name of the company?

North American Vanlines

8. Have you completed commission-sponsored training? ☐ No ☒ Yes If "yes" date: **07/25/2025**

9. Will you be employing CDL drivers? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If "yes", you must attach evidence of enrollment in a drug and alcohol testing program.

Please answer the following questions completely. If there are multiple persons listed in this application with legal proceedings or criminal convictions to declare, provide documentation on a separate attachment.

10. Does any person named in this application have, or has ever had a business-related legal proceeding against you in Washington state, or in any other state? ☒ No ☐ Yes If "yes" please list below*:

Type of Legal Proceeding	Date	State

*attach additional pages if necessary

11. Has any person named in this application ever been convicted of any crime involving theft, burglary, assault, sexual misconduct, identity theft, fraud, false statements, or the manufacture, sale, or distribution of a controlled substance? ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, please list below*:

Type of Conviction	Date	State

*attach additional pages if necessary

12. Has any person named in this application, been 1) convicted of a criminal offense in Washington state; 2) found to have committed a civil offense in Washington state, or 3) found to have violated commission rules? ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes, please list below*:

Violation	Date of conviction	RCW/WAC

*attach additional pages if necessary

13. If you would like to receive information about new household goods carriers, check here ☐

Section 3 - FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Complete the following or attach a balance sheet, profit and loss statement, or business plan.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in Bank	\$ 40,000	Salaries/Wages Payable	
Notes Received		Accounts Payable	
Investments		Notes Payable	
Other Current Assets		Mortgages Payable	
Prepaid Expenses		Total Liabilities	
Land and Buildings		Net Worth	
Trucks and Trailers		Preferred Stock	
Office Furniture		Common Stock	
Other Equipment		Retained Earnings	
Other Assets		Capital	
TOTAL ASSETS		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH	

Section 4 - EQUIPMENT LIST

List the equipment you own or lease to provide moving services (attach additional sheets if necessary). You **must** own or have a long-term lease for any vehicle you operate, you may not rent vehicles on a job-by-job basis.

Year	Make	License Number	Vehicle ID (VIN)	GVW

*attach additional pages if necessary

Section 5 – SAFETY

Identify the person and position responsible for understanding and complying with the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations** (FMCSR), Washington state laws (RCW) and commission rules (WAC) as described below. Please refer to the WAC rules, fact sheets and publication “Your Guide to Achieving a Satisfactory Safety Rating” for assistance with requirements that may apply to your specific operations.

Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 382 and Part 40). If you operate commercial motor vehicles, your drivers must be in a controlled substance and alcohol use and testing program. You must have an alcohol and controlled substances testing program. **Please attach evidence of your enrollment in a drug and alcohol testing program if your company has commercial vehicles and employs CDL drivers.**

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Standards Requirement and Penalties (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 383). If you operate commercial motor vehicles, your drivers must have a valid CDL.

Driver Qualification Requirements (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 391). Each of your drivers must meet minimum qualification requirements. You must maintain driver qualification files for each driver.

Drivers Hours of Service (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 395). Each of your drivers must maintain hours of service logs. You must maintain true and accurate hours of service records for each driver.

Inspection, Repair and Maintenance (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 396). You must systematically inspect, repair, and maintain all motor vehicles.

Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Part 393). You must maintain parts and accessories in a safe condition.

Liability Insurance Requirements (WAC 480-15-530). You must file and maintain **proof of public liability and proper damage insurance** (\$300,000 minimum coverage for vehicles under 10,000 pounds GVWR and \$750,000 minimum coverage for vehicles 10,000 pounds GVWR or more).

Cargo Insurance Requirements (WAC 480-15-550). You must maintain **cargo insurance coverage** (\$10,000 for household goods transported in motor vehicles under 10,000 pounds GVWR and \$20,000 for vehicles 10,000 pounds GVWR or more).

Name: **Tanya Dodd**

Position: **Bookkeeper/Admin Support**

Section 6 - OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Identify the person and position responsible for understanding and complying with the requirements of each category shown below.

Annual Reports and Regulatory Fees (WAC 480-15-480). You must annually file a report of your financial operations and pay regulatory fees.

Name: **Tanya Dodd**

Position: **Bookkeeper/Admin Support**

STATE OF WASHINGTON – general laws, rules and regulations: Individuals and companies doing business in the state of Washington must comply with the regulations of local, state, and federal agencies. Please state the name and position of the person in your organization who will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the laws of the state of Washington, such as, but not limited to the Department of Labor & Industries (industrial insurance, safety, prevailing wage); Department of Licensing (vehicle and drivers licenses, business licensing, Unified Business Identifier (UBI number), fuel permits, fuel tax; Secretary of State (corporate registrations); Department of Transportation (over-size or over-weight permits); Department of Revenue, Internal Revenue Service (taxes); and Employment Security.

Name: **Tanya Dodd**

Position: **Bookkeeper/Admin Support**

Section 7 - DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

INITIAL

I understand that filing this application **does not** in itself constitute authority to operate as a household goods mover.

As the applicant for a household goods permit, I understand the responsibilities of a motor carrier and I am in compliance with all local, state and federal regulations governing businesses, including household goods movers, in the state of Washington.

I understand that if the commission grants my application as a new entrant, I will receive temporary authority to provide service as a household goods carrier on a provisional basis for at least six months. During this time, the commission will evaluate whether I have met the criteria in WAC 480-15-305 to obtain permanent authority. I also understand that I must comply with all conditions placed on my temporary permit and that failure to do so will result in cancellation of my permit.

My employees are sufficiently trained to comply with commission rules regarding estimates, bills of lading, rates and charges and terms and conditions of household goods moves. In addition, my employees are sufficiently trained to comply with commission rules regarding vehicle operation, maintenance, and all other safety requirements. My company will provide a copy of the customer survey to each customer for whom we provide transportation service.

I understand the commission will complete a criminal background check on each person named in the application.

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Applicant Name: **Elisha Gessele**

Date: **07/25/2025**

Section 8 - ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ **For Permanent authority to transfer** resulting in a change in ownership or controlling interest (at least six months must be served on a temporary provisional basis), complete *ATTACHMENT B – TRANSFER OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AUTHORITY* as well as submitting a closing annual report.
- ☒ **For Permanent authority to transfer under the exceptions** in [WAC 480-15-187](#), complete pages 3-7 and *ATTACHMENTS B & C – TRANSFER OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS AUTHORITY* pages 1 and 2.



ATTACHMENT B

Transfer of Household Goods Authority Per **WAC 480-15-187**

Current Legal Name on Permit (Seller): **Bernd Moving LLC**

Current Trade Name on Permit (Seller): **Bernd Moving**

Address (Seller): **660 N 18th Ave Yakima WA 98902**

HG or THG Permit Number: **018158**

Phone Number (Seller): **509-453-6683**

Does the transfer of this permit fall under the provisions of **WAC-480-15-187(2) or (3)**?

☐ No ☒ Yes If yes, please complete page 2 / Attachment C.

Have all fines or penalties owed to the commission been paid? ☐ No ☒ Yes

A closing annual report must have been filed with the commission by the current company.

A customer may file a loss or damage claim for up to nine months following a move and may file a loss or damage lawsuit for up to two years following a move. Who will be responsible for handling claims filed by customers for loss or damage that occurred on moves taking place prior to the sale and transfer?

Contact name: **Alanna Bernd**

Contact phone number: **509-453-6683**

Contact email address: **cnabernd@outlook.com**

RELEASE OF AUTHORITY

I, the seller, have sold or otherwise released interest in my household goods permit number HG- to the following:

Legal Name of Buyer: **Bernd Moving & Storage, LLC**

Trade Name of Buyer:

We, as applicants, hereby jointly declare and affirm that all information is true to the best of our knowledge.

Name and Title of Seller

Alanna Bernd Curtis Bernd

Alanna & Curtis Bernd, Owners

Signature

Date: 8/1/25

Elisha Gessele, President - Bernd Moving & Storage

Name and Title of Buyer

Elisha Gessele
Signature

Date: 8/1/25

ATTACHMENT C

TRANSFER OF PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD GOODS AUTHORITY UNDER EXCEPTIONS IN [WAC 480-15-187](#)(2) or (3)

1. The commission will grant an application to transfer existing permanent authority, without requiring a provisional permit, public notice or comment, if the applicant is fit, willing and able to provide service and the application is filed to transfer or acquire control of permanent authority for any one of the following reasons (check one, if applicable):
- ☐ A partnership has dissolved due to the death, bankruptcy, or withdrawal of a partner, and that partner's interest is being transferred to a spouse or to one or more remaining partners;
 - ☐ A shareholder in a corporation has died and that shareholder's interest is being transferred to a surviving spouse or one or more surviving shareholders;
 - ☐ A sole proprietor has died, the sole proprietor devised or bequeathed the company by will, and the applicant is seeking transfer of the permit in accordance with the bequest or devise set forth in the will.
 - ☐ An individual has incorporated and the same individual remains the majority shareholder;
 - ☐ An individual has added a partner but the same individual remains the majority partner;
 - ☐ A corporation has dissolved and the interest is being transferred to the majority shareholder;
 - ☐ A partnership has dissolved and the interest is being transferred to the majority partner;
 - ☐ A partnership has incorporated and the partners are the majority shareholders; or
 - ☐ Ownership is being transferred from one corporation to another corporation when both are wholly owned by the same shareholders.

Documentation supporting the checked box above must be included with your application. You may submit a corporate resolution, partnership agreement, court order, death certificate, will or other proof of right to inherit, estate executor's statement, community property agreement or other such documentation that may support your request.

2. The Commission will grant an application for permanent authority without requiring a provisional permit after the application has been published on the application docket subject to comment for thirty days if the applicant is fit, willing, and able to provide service, the applicant has filed to transfer control of permanent authority, and all the following conditions exist:
- ☒ Ownership of a permit is being transferred to any shareholder, partner, family member, employee, or other person familiar with the company's operations and the household goods moving services provided. If you check this option, please complete the following:
 - a. Has the permit been actively used by the current owner to provide household goods moving services during the twelve-month period prior to the application? ☐ No ☒ Yes
 - b. Provide a certified statement from the applicant and the current owner explaining why the transfer is necessary to ensure the company's economic viability.
 - c. Provide a certified statement from the applicant and the current owner describing the steps taken by the parties to ensure that safe operations and continuity of service to customers is maintained.



July 25, 2025

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

RE: Application to transfer HHG permit number 018158

To the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission,

After many years of dedicated service to the Yakima Valley, Bernd Moving is transitioning to new ownership. We are pleased to announce that Elisha Gessele will be taking over the reins of our trusted family business.

Elisha is no stranger to Bernd Moving, having worked alongside us on various projects. His experience as a successful entrepreneur, effectively managing his own construction and restoration company, speaks volumes about his integrity, efficiency, and business acumen. This background makes him an ideal successor to continue the legacy of quality service our customers have come to expect.

To ensure a seamless transition, Curtis Bernd will remain with the company for the next few years as the sales and operations manager. We are confident that with Elisha at the helm and Curtis's continued involvement, the business will thrive.

We have already sold our commercial real estate to Elisha; this is where we continue to operate our moving and storage business from. We closed last December and have been renting back from Elisha since that time.

Elisha will be acquiring all assets, including our fleet of vehicles and moving equipment. He has also committed to retaining all our current employees, ensuring continuity and preserving the experienced team you know and trust. Furthermore, Elisha will assume all the booked household goods business and continue the recurring revenue from our valued storage customers.

We are excited about this new chapter and look forward to the continued success of Bernd Moving and Storage under Elisha's leadership.

Sincerely,

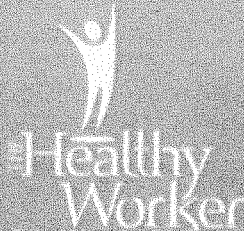
Handwritten signatures of Curtis A. Bernd and Alanna Bernd in black ink.

Curtis A Bernd / Alanna Bernd

Bernd Moving Equipment List - 2025

VEHICLE ID#	VIN #	DESCRIPTION			
1 MOVER	AGCEK14V44Z342953	2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1/4 ton pick up			
D852759	KNDMB5C19G6210617	2016 Kia Sedona			
328	1HSHJGTR8MH306574	1991 International Diesel Single Cab Tractor, Single Axle			
11	JALB4B1H0K7003843	1989 Isuzu Diesel Straight Truck			
12	JALCA4W168J7000675	2017 Isuzu Diesel 20' Straight Truck NPR			
14	JALC4B14517000291	2001 Isuzu Diesel Straight Truck			
17	3ALACXFC6LDLG4599	2020 Freightliner M2 26' Pallet Van			
18	3HAMMMML2GL2GL088107	2016 International 4300 26' Straight Truck			
19	1HTMMML9JH322952	2018 International 4300 26' Straight Truck			
331	1FUJGLDV9ELFT1061	2014 Freightliner Cascadia Tractor Sleeper Semi			
308	1KKVC34104L212585	2004 Kentucky 34' Trailer			
307	1KKVE5326WL112123	1998 Kentucky 53' Trailer (damaged)			
309	1KKVE53215L216100	2005 Kentucky 53' Trailer			
306	1KKVF4823NL091794	1992 Kentucky 48' Drop Frame Trailer			
STEPVAN	CPL3273322713	1977 Chevy Step Van (inoperable)			
Total Replacement Value					

Equipment	Discription			
Fork lift	Hyster 55 Fortis			
Storage Vaults	Wooden crates, numbered, stackable (100+)			
Shipping container	40' High Cube Shipping Container			
Snow Plow	Electric Plow, fits on Silverado			
Metal Racks	Racking for oversized furniture			
Snow Blowers	2 Push Snow Blowers			



2025 ANNUAL AGREEMENT

DOT RANDOM DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING CONSORTIUM

COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name : Bernd Moving LLC
Company EIN or Tax ID Number : 81-2737856
Mailing Address : 460 N 18th Ave
City : Yakima State : WA Zip : 98902
Phone : (509) 531-2203 Fax : _____
Email : abernd@berndmoving.com

COMPANY CONTACTS (To whom test results should be called and mailed)

Primary Contact Name : Alanna Bernd Phone : (509) 531-2203
Secondary Contact Name : Annette Markham Phone : (509) 453-4683
Choose how DS results should be delivered ☐ Verbal Phone Call ☒ Email ☐ Mailed
DS Results Email : abernd@berndmoving.com
DS Results Mailing Address : 460 N 18th Ave, Yakima, WA 98902

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) ADMINISTRATOR (If none, please leave blank)

Mailing Address : _____
City : _____ State : _____ Zip : _____
Phone : _____ Fax : _____

Number of Drivers covered under DOT Regulations 3

Alanna Bernd
Company Signature

12/6/24
Date

et al
Healthy Worker Signature

12-6-2024
Date

Yakima
307 S 12th AVE, Suite 12 Yakima, WA 98902
509-895-7340
<http://new.thehealthyworker.co>




DOT 2025 Agreement

From Kristen Collins <kristen.collins@thehealthyworker.co>

Date Wed 7/23/2025 10:55 AM

To Elisha Gessele <egessele@berndmovingsystems.com>

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Good morning,

Bernd Moving LLC. is currently in our DOT consortium and we will continue to run their consortium under their new name Bernd Moving & Storage , LLC. Please see attached 2025 signed DOT consortium agreement.

Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Thanks,
Kristen

Kristen Collins, Clinic Manager



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