

Traveling to Canada with a Commercial Vehicle?

Before entering Canada with your commercial vehicle, ensure compliance with the following requirements. Some jurisdictions may have additional conditions. For jurisdiction-specific registration and contact information, refer to the [IRP \(International Registration Plan\) Jurisdiction Directory](#).

Key Requirements:

1. **Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA):**
 - Adhere to customs regulations for cargo and vehicle entry.
 - Visit the CBSA website for detailed guidance: [CBSA](#)
2. **Carrier Codes:**
 - A carrier code is a four-character unique identifier assigned by CBSA to identify a carrier.
 - All carriers transporting commercial goods into Canada must have a valid carrier code under the E-Manifest – Advance Commercial Information (ACI) system.
 - Apply for or verify your carrier code: [CBSA Carrier Code Information](#)
3. **Insurance Requirements:**
 - Commercial vehicles must have minimum third-party liability and cargo insurance, depending on the commodity hauled.
 - British Columbia is the only Canadian jurisdiction requiring insurance certificates to be filed.
 - Contact the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) for financial responsibility filings: [ICBC Prorate Plates](#)
4. **Third-Party Liability Coverage:**
 - General Freight: Minimum of CAD \$1,000,000.
 - Dangerous Goods: Minimum of CAD \$2,000,000.
5. **Cargo Insurance (For-Hire Carriers Only):**
 - GVW up to 12,700 kg (27,998 lbs): Minimum of CAD \$15,000.
 - GVW up to 21,000 kg (46,296 lbs): Minimum of CAD \$20,000.
 - GVW up to 37,000 kg (81,570 lbs): Minimum of CAD \$27,000.
 - GVW over 37,000 kg (81,570 lbs): Minimum of CAD \$32,000.
6. **Public Liability Coverage for Buses:**
 - Passenger Capacity 15 or less: CAD \$1,000,000.
 - Passenger Capacity 16 or more: CAD \$3,000,000.

7. Vehicle Registration:

- Commercial vehicles traveling into Canada must be registered.
- Registration can be done through the International Registration Plan (IRP) or by purchasing Trip Permits in the relevant jurisdictions.
- GVW thresholds and requirements vary by jurisdiction.
- For registration details, visit: [IRP Jurisdiction Directory](#)

By following these guidelines and verifying requirements with official resources, you can ensure a smooth entry into Canada with your commercial vehicle.

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