

Legal Information for Moving Companies

For all US DOT FMCSA regulated interstate movers of household goods

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Can someone under 21 years old drive a moving truck?

No. Drivers of interstate moving trucks must be at least 21 years old to drive the vehicle across state lines. This rule applies to any moving truck with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of over **10,000 lbs.**

Note: A driver under 21 years old may be able to operate a moving truck for intrastate (within a single state) moves depending on the individual state laws.

General qualifications for drivers:

A person may not operate a moving truck with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of over 10,000 lbs. across state lines unless they meet the general requirements listed in 49 CFR § 391.11 et al.

Requirements for drivers are paraphrased generally as follows:

- (1) Is at least 21 years old;
- (2) Can read and speak English;
- (3) Can safely operate the motor vehicle;
- (4) Is physically qualified to drive;
- (5) Has a currently valid driver's license;
- (6) Has provided a list of violations or certificate. (see § 391.27);
- (7) Is not disqualified to drive. (see § 391.15);
- (8) Has successfully completed a driver's road test (see § 391.31).

Note: In addition to the above general requirements, a mover and driver must continue to follow all provisions of federal law governing interstate moving companies and drivers.

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