REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

For more information, consult the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 4506. The ORC can be found at your local library or online at http://codes.ohio.gov/orc.

There are specific restrictions about what type of vehicle is considered a school bus and what type of vehicle is just a transportation service for children. If you have questions or would like more information, contact the Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards at (614) 466-4056 or online at http://statepatrol.ohio.gov/units.htm. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

Depending on the size of the vehicle and the number of passengers it has room for, you may need to register with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio’s (PUCO) Motor Carrier Division. Contact the division at (800) 686-7826 or (614) 466-3392. Information and registration forms can also be found online at www.puco.ohio.gov. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

You may need a COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE. Contact the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles at (614) 752-7500 for more information. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles is online at www.bmv.ohio.gov.

Intrastate transportation of people is taxable. You must have a VENDOR’S LICENSE and collect sales tax. Contact YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR or the OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION can be reached at (888) 405-4039 for Business Tax Assistance; 888-405-4089 for Tax Registration; or (800) 282-1782 for the Forms Request Line. Information is also online at http://tax.ohio.gov and also at http://business.ohio.gov.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) sets specific federal guidelines for wheelchair lifts. For information, contact (614) 844-5410 or online at http://jfs.ohio.gov/civilrights/Disability.htm; also the U.S. Department of Justice’s ADA Information Line at (800) 514-0301 (website: www.ada.gov)

If you will be transporting children to and from day care centers, contact the Ohio Department of Human Services District Office nearest to you for information about requirements, or contact at http://jfs.ohio.gov/. *Remember to check local government agencies.*

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

Remember to check local and federal laws.

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