



TOW TRUCK OPERATION CERTIFICATIONS

[Utah Administrative Rule R909-19-8](#)

Any company who operates a vehicle as a tow truck as defined in [UCA 72-9-102\(5\)](#) is required to obtain three certifications:

- Driver certification
- Tow truck (vehicle) certification
- Company certification

[UCA 72-9-602](#) requires that all three certifications must be obtained prior to operation and that these certifications are to be maintained.

Exception: This does not apply to a person who is towing a vehicle owned by that person in a noncommercial operation i.e. using a tow strap or other means to tow their own vehicle to home shop etc.

Note: The tow truck and tow truck motor carrier certifications are valid for two years from date of issuance. Driver certifications are valid for the time specified by the certifying entity.

TOW TRUCK DRIVER CERTIFICATION

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Tow Truck Motor Carriers are required to ensure that the driver of a tow truck:

- Obtain and maintain a certification from one of the accepted certification courses
- Has a current valid license for the type of vehicle operated as per [UCA 53-3, Uniform Drivers License Act](#)
- Complies with the requirements in [UCA 41-6a-1406](#) and [UCA 72-9-603](#)
- Have cleared the criminal background check required in Subsections [UCA 72-9-602\(2\)](#) and [\(3\)](#). In addition, a tow truck motor carrier must notify the department of a tow truck operator whom is not in compliance with [UCA 72-9-602\(3\)](#) within two business days of obtaining knowledge from the Utah DPS [Bureau of Criminal Identification](#) (BCI)
- Comply with [49 CFR 380-396](#) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, including obtaining and maintaining a valid medical examiner's certificate under [49 CFR 391.45](#)
- Provide tow truck driver certification from the following UDOT approved entities:
 - Towing and Recovery Association of America (TRAA) Testing Program – www.towserver.net
 - Wreckmaster Certification Program – www.wreckmast.com
 - Utah Safety Council – www.utahsafetycouncil.org
 - Utah Tow Truck Training – www.utahtowtrucktraining.com
 - Other driver testing certification programs approved by the Department to meet certification requirements, however, the Tow Truck Motor Carrier must obtain prior approval in writing from the Motor Carrier Division Administrator or Division representative by calling (801) 965-4892

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