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- Diesel-powered vehicles used in interstate commerce
- Vehicles powered by liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), compressed natural gas (CNG), or certain alcohol fuels

If you operate the above vehicles on a public highway in California without a required permit or license, you are subject to fines and penalties, and your vehicle could be impounded.

Diesel-Powered Vehicles Used in Interstate Commerce

You need a permit or license to operate a diesel-powered vehicle in California if the vehicle operates both in California and in another state or country, and

- Has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds or 11,797 kilograms, or
- Has three or more axles regardless of weight, or
- When used in combination (for example, a tractor-trailer combination), has a combined weight exceeding 26,000 pounds or 11,797 kilograms gross vehicle weight.

You do not need a fuel permit or license to operate a diesel-powered vehicle driven *solely* in California. Likewise, you do not need a fuel permit or license for a diesel-powered recreational vehicle, such as a motor home or a pickup truck with a camper, if the vehicle is not used in connection with a business operation.

If your vehicle qualifies, you must have **one** of the following:

- IFTA (International Fuel Tax Agreement) License
- California Fuel Trip Permit
- Interstate User Diesel Fuel Tax License

See reverse side of this publication for more information on each permit and license.

Vehicles Powered by LPG, LNG, CNG, or Certain Alcohol Fuels

In general, you must have a fuel permit or license to operate a vehicle on public roads in California if the vehicle is powered by liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), compressed natural gas (CNG), or certain alcohol fuels.

You do not need a permit or license for the following exempt vehicles:

- A privately operated passenger vehicle
- A commercial vehicle with an unladen weight of less than 7,000 pounds
- A privately operated two-axle truck that you have rented or leased for a period of 30 days or less

Please note: You must pay use fuel tax to your vendor when you purchase fuel for the exempt vehicles previously listed. If you do not, you must have a fuel permit or license to operate the vehicle on a public road in this state.

If your vehicle qualifies, you must have **one** of the following:

- User Use Fuel Tax Permit
- IFTA License
Please note: To qualify for an IFTA License, your vehicle must be used in interstate commerce and meet the weight requirements previously listed for diesel-powered vehicles.
- California Fuel Trip Permit



California Fuel Permits and Licenses

For information regarding any of the permits or licenses discussed in this publication, visit our website or contact:

**California Department of
Tax and Fee Administration
Motor Carrier Office**

**1030 Riverside Parkway, Suite 125
West Sacramento, CA 95605-1527**

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www.cdtfa.ca.gov or,

to order a publication call

1-800-400-7115 (CRS:711)

See reverse side of this publication for more information on each permit and license.

As described on the reverse, you may be required to have one of the following permits or licenses to operate your vehicle in California:

IFTA License

You can obtain this license if you operate your vehicle in California and any other U.S. state or Canadian province that is a member of the International Fuel Tax Agreement. An IFTA license allows you to file one tax report for travel in all member jurisdictions. To qualify for an IFTA license, your vehicle must meet the weight requirements listed on the reverse side of this publication. For information regarding California's IFTA Program, please download [publication 50](#), *California IFTA: Guide to the International Fuel Tax Agreement*, or [publication 50A](#), *Introduction to the International Fuel Tax Agreement*.



California Fuel Trip Permit

This permit is for certain vehicles that make occasional trips into California. To qualify for the California Fuel Trip Permit, your vehicle must meet the weight and other requirements listed on the reverse side of this publication. It allows out-of-state registered vehicles to enter and travel in California for up to four consecutive days without obtaining a license for fuel tax purposes. This permit also allows California registered vehicles to reenter California after traveling out of state if they are unlicensed for fuel tax purposes.

A California Fuel Trip Permit must be obtained, and all required information must be entered on the permit prior to entering or reentering the state. The fee for issuance of a California Fuel Trip Permit is \$30.00.

You can purchase a permit online from the CDTFA website at www.cdtfa.ca.gov by selecting *Register* and under *Register or Apply for a New*, then select *California Fuel Trip Permit*. Our online services are available 24 hours a day, except during regularly scheduled maintenance. Most applicants will be able to print their permit immediately after they submit their application.

To purchase a California Fuel Trip Permit in person, please visit our Motor Carrier Office or any CDTFA Office. A list of CDTFA Offices may be found on our website at www.cdtfa.ca.gov/office-locations.htm. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except state holidays. In addition, some commercial permit services and truck stops may sell California Fuel Trip Permits for an additional fee.

Interstate User Diesel Fuel Tax License

This license is issued only to persons who operate diesel-powered vehicles and whose interstate travel is restricted to Mexico and California, or to persons who are not based in an IFTA jurisdiction.

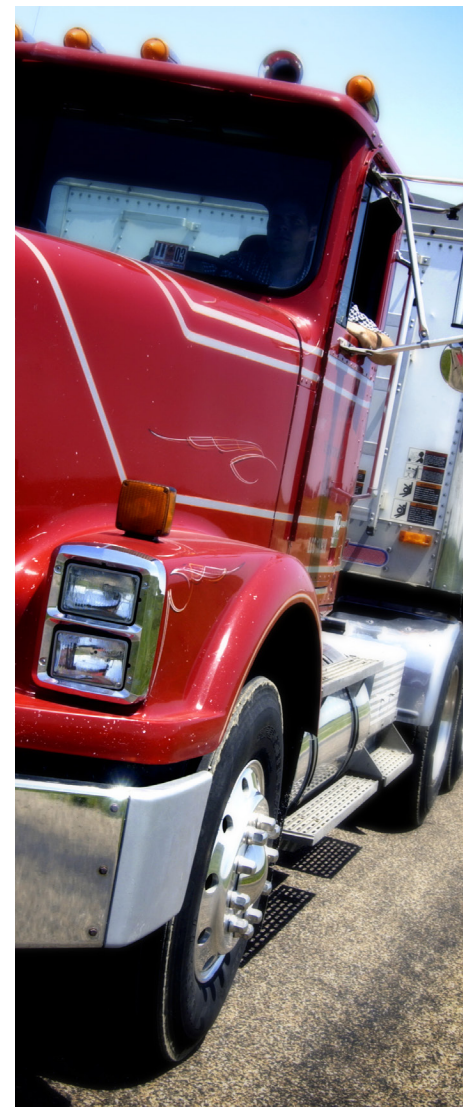
User Use Fuel Tax Permit

This permit is issued to vehicles operated by LPG, LNG, CNG, or certain alcohol fuels. You must file returns to report payment of the use fuel tax. You may need a permit even if you are located outside California and operate the vehicle in the state only temporarily. For more information, please download [publication 12](#), *California Use Fuel Tax: A Guide for Vendors and Users*.

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate

If you have been unable to resolve a problem through normal channels (for example, by speaking to a supervisor) or would like to know more about your rights under the Revenue and Taxation Code, we encourage you to contact the [Taxpayers' Rights Advocate Office](#) for help. Call 1-888-324-2798 (fax: 1-916-323-3319), or write to:

Taxpayers' Rights Advocate, MIC:70
California Department of
Tax and Fee Administration
PO Box 942879
Sacramento, CA 94279-0070.



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