Commonly Asked Questions

Question:
When must the information required by §395.8 of the Motor Carrier Safety Regulations be recorded on the Driver’s Record of Duty Status (Log Book)?

Response:
Each item is required on the Record of Duty Status is listed below, followed by a brief explanation of when the information should be recorded or entered.

Date:
Entered when the driver first comes on duty for that day

Total Miles Driven Today:
Entered at the end of the driver’s work day

Truck or Tractor Trailer Number:
Entered just prior to operating the vehicle

Name of Motor Carrier:
Entered when the driver first comes on duty for that day. May be preprinted.

Main Office Address:
Entered when the driver first comes on duty for that day. May be preprinted.

Remarks:
Entered whenever an event occurs that requires an entry in the “remarks” section, such as the location of a change of duty status

Name of Co-driver:
Entered as soon as the name of the co-driver is known (prior to the start of driving operations). The co-driver must have his own separate record of duty status.

Total hours:
Computed and entered at the end of the driver’s work day.

Shipping Document Number(s) or Name of Shipper & Commodity:
Entered at the time the trip is assigned to the driver, or at the start of the work day, whichever occurs first.