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If any out-of-service conditions do exist, you will be advised of what needs to be done before you can drive again. For example, if you're in violation of the hours-of-service limits, you may be ordered to spend the next 8 or 10 hours off duty. If the brakes are bad, you may be ordered to have them repaired.

- **NEVER operate an out-of-service vehicle, and do NOT drive if you have been placed out of service! “Jumping” an OOS order carries a severity of 10 in the CSA scoring system and carries other severe consequences, including disqualification and fines.**

How can I move an out-of-service vehicle?

The only way to move an out-of-service vehicle that has not been repaired is by:

- Placing it entirely upon another vehicle, or
- Having it towed by a vehicle equipped with a crane or hoist.

Not all out-of-service vehicles may be towed away from the inspection site. The regulations allow the inspecting officer to use his/ her best judgment on a case-by-case basis.

Driver Paperwork

Drivers often ask, “What paperwork do I need onboard the vehicle?”

There often is no standard answer. Some of the required paperwork depends on whether you operate as a for-hire or private carrier, whether you operate interstate or intrastate, and the type of commodity you are hauling (e.g., oversized piece of machinery, used solvent, agricultural produce, etc.).

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Keeping that in mind, the following is a list of documents a driver would be expected to have with him/her in the vehicle:

- **Driver's license.** A current, valid license for the commercial motor vehicle you are driving, with all required endorsements.
- **Medical examiner's certificate.** A current, valid medical card (wallet card) or variance/waiver documentation, if applicable. If you hold a CDL or learner's permit and are required to submit your medical card to the state, you do not need to carry a copy of the certificate in the vehicle for more than 15 days. Check with your safety director for details.
- **Record of duty status (log).** You need a driver's log for the current day and the previous seven consecutive days. Supporting documents that can be used to verify log entries may also be requested, such as fuel receipts or shipping papers (see §395.11). The log must be current to the last change of duty status. Logs are not required for drivers using the short-haul exceptions found in §395.1(e), but it's a good idea to carry your time records.

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- **AOBRD documentation.** For drivers using automatic on-board recording devices (AOBRDs) — see §395.15 — you'll need an instruction sheet describing in detail how data can be stored on and retrieved from the device and a supply of blank graph-grid logs sufficient to record your duty status and other required information for the duration of the current trip. If an AOBRD uses location codes instead of city/state information, you'll also need a list of the location codes showing all possible location identifiers.
- **ELD documentation.** For drivers using electronic logging devices (ELDs) — see §395.20 — you'll need an ELD user manual, an instruction sheet describing how to transfer data from the device, instructions describing what to do when the ELD malfunctions, and enough blank paper logs to last at least 8 days.
- **Documentation of annual inspection.** A copy of the annual inspection report or an annual inspection sticker must be on each vehicle (both vehicles in a combination need separate inspection documentation). If complying with a mandatory state inspection program, any required document for that program is also required.