

Did you know...

Bus drivers are not allowed to operate a bus for a motor carrier unless they are qualified according to Article 19-A and Part 6 of the Commissioner's Rules and Regulations. Therefore, motor carriers must verify that drivers comply with 19-A requirements including:

- completion of pre-employment and biennial medical examinations and any required follow-ups
- submission of pre-employment and annual driver license abstracts
- submission of fingerprints of school bus drivers for a DCJS & FBI criminal history review
- completion of annual defensive driving observations
- completion of biennial road tests
- completion of biennial oral/written tests

Why are there special requirements for motor carriers who employ bus drivers?

- A tragic school bus and train accident near Congers, NY on March 24, 1972, was the impetus for legislation passed in 1974. This legislation amended the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law by creating Article 19-A (19-A), Special Requirements for Bus Drivers

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