



Charter-Party Carrier “Z” Permit

Operating Authority for Specialized Passenger Transportation



What is a Charter-Party Carrier?

Charter-Party Carriers (TCPs) charter their vehicles for the exclusive use of an individual or group. TCPs are provided operating authority by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).



What Type of Authority is Required?

The CPUC grants or denies authority to operate in the State of California in compliance with state laws. If you are providing transportation service for your private school or childcare center, a “Z” Permit is required.



Where Can I Apply?

To apply or learn more:

📍 Visit: <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/regulatory-services/licensing/transportation-licensing-and-analysis-branch/charter-party-carriers>

💻 Apply: <https://tcportal.cpuc.ca.gov/TCP/s/>



A “Z” permit ensures a carrier is authorized by the CPUC and has met all safety requirements to transport children safely.



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