

Application for Motor Common Carrier of Persons upon Call or Demand (Taxi Service)

THIS APPLICATION IS TO BE USED FOR COMMON CARRIER PASSENGER SERVICE PROVIDING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION ON EITHER EXCLUSIVE OR NONEXCLUSIVE BASIS, AND SERVICE IS CHARACTERIZED BY PASSENGERS HIRING THE VEHICLE AND ITS DRIVER EITHER BY TELEPHONE CALL OR BY HAIL, OR BOTH. **THIS APPLICATION CANNOT BE USED TO APPLY FOR TAXI SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.**

1. **Legal Name of Applicant** (Individual, Partnership or Corporation)

Economica Limousine Car Services LLC

- If you are an individual who has not formed any type of corporate entity, you should enter your name **as it will appear on your insurance documents.**
- If you are filing for a partnership, but **not a limited liability partnership**, the names of all partners must be entered on this line. Those names should be entered **as they will appear on your insurance documents.** This includes husbands and wives filing jointly.
- If you are filing for a corporate entity (corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership), **even if you are the sole shareholder member**, you must enter the name **exactly as it appears on the registration papers from the Corporation Bureau of the Pennsylvania Department of State.**

2. **Trade Name** (Attach a copy of fictitious name registration if applicable)

This is any name which you will be operating under which differs from the **LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT**. A **TRADE NAME** is considered a **FICTITIOUS NAME** if the identity of the applicant cannot be readily determined. *EXAMPLE: John Doe is the applicant and wants to use the name "Johnboy Trucking" as his trade name. People cannot readily determine that John Doe is the actual operator; therefore, the name is fictitious and must be registered as such. Trade names such as "John Doe Trucking" or "J. Doe Trucking" are not considered fictitious and would not have to be registered.*

3. **Do you currently hold PUC Authority?** ___NO **Previous Authority?** ___NO

If YES, at PUC No. A- 2023-3041595

4. **Are you a business entity registered with the PA Dept. of State?** ___NO

If NO, you must register (see checklist on how to register)

If YES, provide your PA Corporation Bureau Entity ID Number _____
(see checklist and indicate type of business entity registered)

5. **If either a corporation or limited liability company, please list members (LLC) or shareholders and officers (corporation).**

Jose Lene

Sandy Ramirez

6. **Mailing Address**

653 SCHUYLKILL AVENUE

Street Address

Reading, PA 19601

Berks

City, State and Zip Code

County

(610) 477-7670

economicalimocarservice@gmail.com

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

This is the e-mail address to which the Commission will send all official documents issued by the Commission until further notice.

7. **Physical Address** (if different from Mailing Address)

653 SCHUYLKILL AVENUE

Street Address

Reading, PA 19601

Berks

City, State and Zip Code

County

610) 477-7670

economicalimocarservice@gmail.com

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

The address entered here should reflect the actual location of the business. This is the address the Commission needs in order to dispatch Enforcement Officers to inspect equipment. If left blank, it will be assumed that the **PHYSICAL ADDRESS** is the same as the **MAILING ADDRESS**

8. **Attorney** (if applicable)

JoAnn Ruchlewicz, Esquire - (610) 373-6132

Attorney's Name & Telephone Number for this Filing

1716 Olive Street Reading, PA 19604

jruchlewiczsq@aol.com

Attorney's Address

E-mail Address

An attorney's name should only be entered if an attorney is filing the application for a client and the application is being sent under the attorney's cover letter.

9. **Does applicant have a USDOT Number?**

X No Yes, at No. _____

10. **Describe the service area proposed by this application.**

(Use the space below or attach additional sheet if space provided is not sufficient).

To transport individuals upon call or demand primarily within the City of Reading and elsewhere within Berks County, Pennsylvania.

Examples:

- *To transport people upon call or demand in the city of Reading, Berks County.*
- *To transport people upon call or demand in Spring Township, Centre County.*

11. **Certification:**

Applicant certifies that it is not now engaged in unauthorized intrastate transportation for compensation between points in Pennsylvania and will not engage in said transportation unless and until authorization is received from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Applicant further certifies that it understands the requirements of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, especially as they relate to safety and insurance and that it may be subject to civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the Certificate for failure to comply with Commission requirements.

Applicant further certifies that it understands that it is subject to an annual assessment based upon its reported gross Pennsylvania intrastate revenues; said assessment to help defray expenses incurred in regulating Motor Common Carriers of Persons upon Call and Demand (Taxi Service); and acknowledges that failure to report revenue and pay its annual assessment may result in civil penalties, suspension or cancellation of the certificate.

Verification of Application

I/We hereby state that the statement(s) made in this application is/are true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Jose Lene

(Print Name)

Jose Lene

(Signature)

1/14/2026

(Date)

The verification of the application must be completed by the applicant appearing on Line 1 of the application by the named individual, all partners if a partnership, a member (if a limited liability company), or by the President or Secretary (if a corporation).

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VERIFIED STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE APPLICANT'S FITNESS TO OPERATE. STATEMENTS SHOULD BE TYPED OR PRINTED. ILLEGIBLE STATEMENTS WILL DELAY YOUR APPLICATION.

Economica Limousine Car Services LLC

Legal Name of Applicant

Trade Name, if any

653 SCHUYLKILL AVENUE	Reading	PA	19601
Street Address (principal place of business)	City or Municipality	State	Zip Code

The Verified Statement of the Applicant factual details about your proposed transportation service. Your Verified Statement must answer all of the items listed below and on the following pages. Provide as much information as possible to prevent delay in processing your application. If you need more space to provide your answer, please attach additional pages identifying the appropriate item number.

1. Identify the person making the Verified Statement on behalf of the applicant. If an employee/officer of applicant is making the statement, give name, title, business address and telephone number.

**Jose Lene, Member of Economica Limousine Car Services LLC
653 SCHUYLKILL AVENUE, READING, PA 19601
(610) 477-7670**

2. List the applicant's affiliation (owner, manager, controls) with any other carrier, with the description of affiliation.

Economica Limousine Car Services LLC also has limousine authority with the PUC The members of the LLC, Jose Lene and Sandy Ramirez do not have any affiliation with any other carrier at this time.

3. Describe the applicant's business experience, particularly any experience relating to the operation of a transportation service. If practical experience is lacking, please provide an explanation and description of any education or training that you believe may be relevant.

The Applicant already owns and operates as a limousine service provider under PUC Authority 2023-3041595. Additionally, both members of the LLC Jose Lene and Sandy Ramirez have extensive experience in the Taxi/Limousine industries as drivers and operators.

4. Describe your facilities, record maintenance plan and your communication network. Please include a description of your physical location, to including office machines that will be utilized, and the facility to house vehicles. As a carrier of household goods in use, applicant should include a description of storage facilities, if applicable. Please include an explanation of your plan to maintain records required by the PUC, as well as normal business records. In regard to your communication network, please explain how you will receive customer requests for transportation, how you will dispatch the vehicles to fulfill the request, and how you will maintain continuous communication with your drivers.

Please see the attached as Exhibit A.

5. Please state the number of drivers you intend to use or hire in your business and explain why that number of drivers is appropriate for the size of the territory you will be serving. In addition, please explain:
 - a. Your hiring standards for drivers;
 - b. Your system for conducting criminal background checks;
 - c. Your driver training program;
 - d. Your system for conducting driver license checks;
 - e. Your policies regarding alcohol and drug use by your drivers.

Please find the attached as Exhibit B.

6. Please state the number of vehicles you plan to use in your business and why that number is appropriate to provide reasonable and efficient service to the territory you will be serving. If you have already obtained vehicles for your business, please list them in the chart below. (Taxicabs may not be used if the vehicle's age is greater than ten model years, or the vehicle mileage is greater than \$350,000.)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAKE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>SEATING CAPACITY*</u>	<u>VEHICLE ID #</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
2014	Subaru	XV Crosstrek	5	JF2GPBKC5EH249272	188,238
2011	Toyota	Prius	5	JTDKN3DU0B5323432	251,528
2023	Mitsubishi	Outlander	7	JA4J3UA87PZ007647	50,567
2015	Mazda	CX-9	7	JM3TB2BA1F0451611	155,288

*Vehicles with seating capacity of more than eight passengers including the driver cannot be used for taxi service.

7. Describe your vehicle safety program. Please include the following in your explanation:
 - a. Your periodic vehicle maintenance plan
 - b. Your system for ensuring your vehicles will continuously comply with applicable Pennsylvania vehicle equipment standards (67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175).
 - c. Your system for ensuring that vehicles which no longer meet vehicle age and/or vehicle mileage requirements shall be replaced in a timely fashion.

Please find the attached as Exhibit C.

8. Please explain what steps you have taken to determine if you can obtain insurance and pay the required insurance premiums.

Applicant already has fleet insurance for its limousine through American Risk Management Retention Group, Inc. The annual premium for the limousine fleet is approximately 3,600 per year. Client has sufficient cash on hand in order to maintain this coverage as an essential expense of the business.

9. State whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. If applicant is partnership, limited liability partnership, corporation, or limited liability company this question applies to all members, officers, and/or shareholders. If "YES", explain.

_____ YES X NO

10. Financial Data. Complete the "Statement of Financial Position", which follows this page. Please feel free to also provide additional information explaining why you believe you have sufficient funds to ensure your transportation business can provide reliable service to the public in a safe manner.

Verification of Statement

The undersigned deposes and says that he/she is authorized to and does make this verification and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief. The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C. S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.



 (Signature)
 Jose Lene, Member of Economica Limousine Car Services LLC

 (Name and Title, printed or typed)

 (Date)

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
As of (date) December 1, 2025
(Must be less than 6 months old)

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash	25,000	
Other Current Assets (specify)		
Total Current Assets		
Tangible Assets		
Motor Vehicle Equipment	60,000	
Property (buildings, land, etc.)		
Office Equipment		30,000
TOTAL ASSETS		115,000

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities (Due within one year of date)		
Loans		
Credit cards/revolving credit	5,000	
Other Liabilities (Attach schedule)		
Total Current Liabilities		
Long Term Liabilities (Due after one year of date)		
Mortgage		
Long term commercial loan		
Other Liabilities (Attach Schedule)	15,000	
Total Long-Term Liabilities		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		20,000

Exhibit A

Facilities, Record Maintenance Plan, and Communication Network

The Applicant will operate as an on call/demand taxi carrier outside of the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA) zone and will initially conduct business from 653 Schuylkill Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania. A portion of this location shall be designated as the business office and will be equipped with standard office machines necessary to conduct carrier operations, including a computer, telephone, copier, and fax capability.

Facility to House Vehicles

The Applicant will utilize the vehicles identified in the Application. When not in service, Applicant-owned vehicles will be stored at the above business location or at another secure location. Vehicles will not be left unattended in a manner that would create a public safety concern or nuisance to the public.

Household Goods / Storage Facilities

The Applicant will operate solely as a taxicab service and will not transport household goods. Accordingly, no household goods storage facilities are required or maintained.

Record Maintenance Plan

The Applicant will maintain all records required by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, as well as normal business records, in paper and/or electronic format. Records maintained will include, but not be limited to:

- Trip sheets and trip logs
- Dispatch records
- Driver qualification and licensing records
- Vehicle inspection and maintenance records
- Accident and incident reports
- Insurance documentation

Each driver shall maintain a trip sheet in the vehicle at all times, and all trips shall also be recorded electronically through the Applicant's dispatch and operations platform. Records will be reviewed and updated on a daily basis, stored securely at the business office, and retained for a period of not less than two (2) years, or longer if required by applicable regulations. All records shall be made available to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission upon request.

Communication Network / Dispatch Operations

The Applicant will receive customer requests for transportation primarily through dispatcher intake via telephone, email, or fax. A website may be established at a later date. Dispatchers will assign drivers to customer requests in the most efficient and timely manner possible.

Drivers will be required to maintain cellular telephones with hands-free capability and to utilize the Limosys application, which provides real-time vehicle location, trip assignment, and electronic trip recordkeeping. Continuous communication between dispatch and drivers will be maintained at all times during operations through the combined use of cellular telephones and the dispatch application, ensuring that dispatch personnel and drivers are able to communicate without interruption while vehicles are in service.

Hours of Operation

Due to the nature of the taxicab industry, the Applicant will maintain dispatch availability for 24 hours per day by using various shifts in compliance with DOT regulations, seven (7) days per week, subject to reduction on certain holidays based on customer demand.

Exhibit B

Drivers, Hiring Standards, and Safety Policies

The Applicant intends to initially utilize between five (5) and ten (10) drivers. This number of drivers is appropriate for the size and characteristics of the proposed service territory, which will consist primarily of the greater Reading and surrounding communities but remaining inside Berks County. The Applicant anticipates providing service for employment-related transportation, school-related transportation where permitted, senior transportation, and general on-demand taxicab service.

Based upon the geographic size of the territory, the competition, anticipated call volume, and the availability of dispatch on a 24-hour basis, the Applicant believes that an initial fleet of approximately five (5) drivers will be sufficient to meet customer demand, with the ability to add additional drivers as demand dictates. This staffing level will allow the Applicant to provide timely and reliable service while maintaining continuous communication and supervision of drivers.

Management Oversight

Mr. Jose Lene and Mr. Sandy Ramirez shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the business, including driver supervision, compliance with PUC regulations, and implementation of all safety and operational policies.

a. Hiring Standards for Drivers

All drivers will be required to:

1. Possess a current and valid Pennsylvania driver's license appropriate for taxi operations;
2. Meet or exceed all insurance underwriting requirements;
3. Demonstrate prior driving experience and a satisfactory driving history;
4. Provide verified references as part of the application process; and
5. Successfully complete all required background and driving record checks as well as all required training prior to being placed in service.

No driver will be permitted to operate a vehicle for the Applicant unless all hiring standards are satisfied.

b. Criminal Background Checks

The Applicant will conduct a criminal background check on each prospective driver prior to hiring. In addition, the Applicant will maintain a computerized tickler system to ensure that

criminal background checks are updated on a periodic basis, not less frequently than every two (2) years, or as otherwise required by applicable regulations or insurance requirements.

c. Driver Training Program

All drivers will receive initial and ongoing training prior to and during their employment. Training will include, but not be limited to:

- Safe driving practices;
- Defensive driving techniques;
- Emergency procedures;
- Passenger safety and customer service; and
- Compliance with applicable PUC rules and company policies.

Training materials will include instructional videos and guidance provided through the Applicant's insurance carrier and internal policies. Drivers will not be permitted to transport passengers until all required training is completed.

d. Driver License Checks

The Applicant will verify each prospective driver's license status and driving record directly through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation prior to hiring. The Applicant will maintain a computerized tickler system to monitor license status and ensure that licenses remain valid throughout the term of employment. Any driver whose license is suspended, revoked, or otherwise invalid will be immediately removed from service.

e. Alcohol and Drug Use Policies

The company has a zero tolerance for drug and alcohol use by the drivers. Any driver suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be immediately removed from service pending investigation. Appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination, will be taken consistent with company policy and applicable law.

To start, we are estimating 5 drivers will be able to complete approximately 15-20 trips per day.

Exhibit C

Vehicle Safety Program

The Applicant has established a comprehensive vehicle safety and compliance program designed to ensure that all vehicles operated under its authority are maintained in a safe condition at all times and are in continuous compliance with all applicable Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation regulations.

a. Periodic Vehicle Maintenance Plan

The Applicant will maintain a preventative and periodic vehicle maintenance program for all vehicles operated under its authority. Vehicles will undergo routine maintenance and safety checks based upon manufacturer recommendations and operational usage, including but not limited to inspections of brakes, tires, steering, suspension, lighting, and other safety-related components.

The Applicant will utilize a computerized tickler system to track required maintenance intervals, inspection dates, and service schedules. This system will provide advance notice to ensure that all maintenance is performed timely and that no vehicle is operated past the required service or inspection date.

All required maintenance, repairs, and inspections will be performed by licensed and certified mechanics who are equipped to conduct routine maintenance and vehicle inspections. Maintenance and repair records will be documented and retained in accordance with PUC recordkeeping requirements.

b. Compliance with Pennsylvania Vehicle Equipment Standards

(67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175)

The Applicant will ensure that all vehicles continuously comply with the Pennsylvania vehicle equipment and inspection standards set forth in 67 Pa. Code, Chapter 175. Prior to being placed into service, each vehicle will be inspected to confirm compliance with all applicable equipment and safety requirements.

Ongoing compliance will be monitored through regular inspections, preventative maintenance, and the Applicant's computerized tickler system, which will track inspection expiration dates and compliance requirements. Any vehicle found to be out of compliance with Chapter 175 standards will be immediately removed from service until all deficiencies are corrected and compliance is restored.

c. Vehicle Age and Mileage Compliance / Replacement Policy

The Applicant will monitor vehicle age and mileage to ensure compliance with all applicable PUC requirements. The computerized tickler system will provide advance notice when a vehicle is approaching applicable age or mileage limits.

Vehicles that no longer meet applicable age and/or mileage requirements, or that are otherwise deemed unsuitable for continued service, will be removed from service and replaced in a timely manner. Replacement vehicles will meet or exceed all PUC safety, inspection, and equipment standards prior to being placed into service.

Any vehicle that no longer meets applicable age or mileage requirements will not be used for taxi service.