



Trucking startup cost worksheet

Government fees are filled in from official sources. Write your own quotes in the last column, then add up what you need before your first load.

ITEM	OFFICIAL FEE	YOUR QUOTE
ONE-TIME		
FMCSA operating authority (MC) Per authority type	\$300	
USDOT number	\$0	
Georgia LLC filing Online with the Secretary of State	\$100	
EIN From the IRS	\$0	
BOC-3 filing Set by the process agent company	varies	
Insurance down payment Often 2–3 months up front	varies	
IRP plates and ELD device	varies	
One-time total		
EVERY YEAR		
UCR registration 0–2 trucks, 2027	\$55	
Form 2290 heavy vehicle use tax 55,000 lb and up; \$550 at 75,000 lb+	up to \$550	
Georgia LLC annual registration Due between Jan. 1 and April 1	\$50	
Liability, cargo and physical damage insurance	varies	
Drug and alcohol consortium	varies	
Yearly total		
EVERY MONTH		
Fuel EIA national diesel average was \$6.38 a gallon on Sept. 28, 2026	varies	
Truck payment, maintenance reserve, phone and ELD plan	varies	
Factoring fees (if you factor invoices)	% of invoice	
Monthly total		

Ask insurers and brokers for written quotes. Many brokers require \$1 million in liability coverage, so price that level too.

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