



Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC)

Multiple SCAC's per MC Number:

According to the National Motor Freight Traffic Association (NMFTA) consideration will be given to assigning additional codes for specific business purposes. For example, broker ABC Logistics may apply for separate SCAC's under one MC number, for their dry-van service and their LTL service. These additional SCAC's would be assigned in the names of "ABC Logistics (Dry-Van Division) and "ABC Logistics (LTL Division)" respectively. NMFTA does not require a broker to obtain a separate operating authority and the subsequent bond, which is required to comply with the financial responsibility.

Multiple SCAC's for Department of Defense (DOD):

When doing business with the DOD a broker is required to obtain a SCAC for each type of service (motor carrier, air freight or ocean) it provides. For example, a broker doing business with the DOD and providing flat-bed, dry-van, and LTL service types, would only be required to purchase one SCAC. Conversely, if a broker provides all those motor carrier service types (flat-bed, dry-van, and LTL) and airfreight, they would be required to purchase two SCACs and obtain a separate operating authority for each SCAC.

About SCAC's:

The SCAC is a unique two-to-four-letter code used to identify transportation companies and is the recognized transportation company identification code used in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 and United Nations EDIFACT approved electronic data interchange (EDI) transaction sets such as the 856 Advance Ship Notice, the 850 Purchase Order and all motor, rail and water carrier transactions where carrier identification is required.

SCACs are required when doing business with all U.S. Government agencies and with many commercial shippers including, but not limited to, those in the automobile, petroleum, forest products, and chemical industries as well as suppliers to retail businesses and carriers engaged in railroad piggyback trailer and ocean container drayage. Additionally, commercial shippers and receivers utilize SCACs in their freight bill audit and payment systems.

For more information on obtaining a SCAC, visit the [NMFTA website](http://www.nmfta.com). If you have any questions, contact Jay Ruais (ruais@tianet.org, 703-299-5713).