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## BEFORE YOU USE YOUR CAR FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Many companies today employ individuals via smartphone apps to transport passengers, packages and goods. Protect yourself before signing up by being aware of the following.

-  **Know the Insurance Requirements** Does your current auto insurance policy offer adequate coverage? Will the company provide supplemental coverage?
-  **Know the Deactivation Policy** Certain companies can drop you from their service at any time (e.g. due to bad ratings, cutting bottom percentile of drivers in a city, etc.).
-  **Know How Much You'll Be Paid** Companies may advertise attractive annual pay, but know how that amount is calculated and what it includes.
-  **Know the Costs of Car Ownership** In 2015, the AAA estimates it costs \$8,698/year to operate a private vehicle. Using your private car for commercial purposes may add extra wear on your vehicle. <http://bit.ly/1Kknmj>
-  **Know the Tax Consequences** Known as a 1099 by the IRS, you may be able to deduct business expenses like gas, maintenance, etc. The company may not encumber income taxes owed to the IRS.
-  **Know the Vehicle Requirements** Does your vehicle require an inspection to work for the company? Is there a maximum vehicle lifetime age restriction?
-  **Know the Safety Risks** Consider the risks involved with transporting passengers, packages and goods.
-  **Know the Legal Consequences** If you receive a ticket or are sued while working for the company, will the company pay all expenses incurred?
-  **Know the Data Privacy Policy** Companies collect drivers' data, so know if they're sharing it and with whom.



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