



# Application for Seatbelt Exemption

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**NOTE:** Mail original, completed form to the address above.

## Montana Seatbelt Use Act of 1987

Application for (check one)  New or  Renewal Seatbelt Exemption

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Federal Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Exemption Requested Due To: (please check one)

- Providing garbage service as detailed in ARM 23.3.425(2)(a)
- Delivering newspapers house-to-house as detailed in ARM 23.3.425(2)(b)
- Delivering rural mail as detailed in ARM 23.3.425(2)(c)
- Making multiple stops as detailed in ARM 23.3.425(1). Please explain.

**[Note: Must routinely make a minimum 10 stops per mile.]**

I certify that the following named people associated with this business meet the requirements as set forth in MCA 61-13-103 and ARM 23.3.425 and need to be exempt from wearing a seatbelt while performing his or her official job duties. **Note:** An out-of-state driver license is **not** acceptable.

**Name (Last, First, Initial):**

**MT Driver License No.:**

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Signature of Certifying Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Title of Certifying Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Use page 2 of this application or additional pages if necessary to complete application form.**



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**MCA 61-13-103 Seatbelt use required – Exceptions.**

- (1) A driver may not operate a motor vehicle upon a highway of the state of Montana unless each occupant of a designated seating position is wearing a properly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or, if 61-9-420 applies, is properly restrained in a child safety restraint.
- (2) The provisions of this section do not apply to:
  - (a) an occupant of a motor vehicle who possesses a written statement from a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse, as defined in 37-8-102, that the occupant is unable to wear a seatbelt for medical reasons;
  - (b) an occupant of a motor vehicle in which all seatbelts are being used by other occupants;
  - (c) an operator of a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle;
  - (d) an occupant of a vehicle licensed as special mobile equipment; or
  - (e) an occupant who makes frequent stops with a motor vehicle during official duties and who may be exempted by the department.
- (3) The department may adopt rules to implement subsection (2)(e).
- (4) The department or its agent may not require a driver who may be in violation of this section to stop except upon reasonable cause to believe that the driver has violated another traffic regulation or that the driver's vehicle is unsafe or not equipped as required by law.

**ARM 23.3.425 Exemptions From Seatbelt Law**

- (1) The provisions of MCA 61-13-103(1) forbidding operation of a motor vehicle unless each occupant of a designated seating position is wearing a seatbelt, do not apply to an occupant of a motor vehicle who must, in the course of his/her official job duties, make such frequent stops that the public interest is best served by allowing an exemption. An occupant of a motor vehicle meets this requirement for exemption if, while performing his/her official job duties, the occupant:
  - (a) normally and as a matter of routine operates or rides in a motor vehicle;
  - (b) normally and as a matter of routine makes ten or more stops per mile;
  - (c) must exit the vehicle at the required stops; and
  - (d) carries an exemption certificate issued by the department.
- (2) The following occupants of a motor vehicle are exempt from the provisions of 61-13-103(1), MCA, if they are engaged in their official duties and are carrying an exemption certificate:
  - (a) persons providing garbage service;
  - (b) persons delivering newspapers house-to-house;
  - (c) persons making rural mail delivery.

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Additional application information can be added below. **Note:** An out-of-state driver license number is **not** acceptable.

**Name (Last, First, Initial):**

**MT Driver License No.:**

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