



# Legal Knowledge for Future Transport Employees



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A suggested review is devoted to the textbook «Jurisprudence for students of transport universities» prepared by the staff of the department «Transport Law» of the Law Institute of Russian University of Transport.

The textbook in a systematic form sets out the didactic blocks included in the course «Jurisprudence», aimed at specialists of transport universities and containing material

necessary and sufficient to build legal competencies for future specialists in the field of transport, which will ensure their successful fulfillment of their future responsibilities in the context of digitalization of the economy and transport logistics. The presented material reflects all modern trends of dynamically developing Russian legislation, recent changes in regulatory legal acts regulating activities in the field of transport.

The publication may be of interest not only for students, but also for scientists, teachers, specialists and everyone who is interested in issues of law and its relations with functioning of the transport system.

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Transport activity is one of the basic foundations of the economy and is the main connecting link of the territorial integrity of the Russian Federation. Continuous improvement and development of transport infrastructure is determined by the growing pace of socio-economic development of the country, its vast territory and geographical features, as well as Russia's entry into a new stage of state construction, coupled with mobilization of efforts to protect national interests and security in the face of aggravation of economic, political and other problems in the modern transforming world. It is important to note that transport is not only a means of communication, but also occupies an intermediate position between production and consumption of goods. The efficient work of industry, trade and other sectors of the economy, as well as convenience and living comfort of citizens, largely depend on how the carrier's work is performed [1, p. 4].

The age of information technology encourages people to constantly update knowledge, and, sensing this need, the transporter must constantly update them in order to improve professional competencies. The key link in the chain of professional competencies of a transport specialist is legal knowledge. At the same time, there is a need for formation by students of transport specialties of not only directly legal knowledge, but also of a high legal culture, developed professional legal awareness, civic maturity and social activity. Not only the laws themselves and other normative legal acts are necessary for successful functioning of the transport system, for example, proper prosecutorial supervision is required to ensure and strengthen the rule of law in the activity of transport, it is necessary to implement measures to ensure transport infrastructure security based on doctrinal approaches [2, p. 14], a set of medical and medical-social measures aimed at reducing the risk of emergency situations, minimizing the health consequences, preserving human health and reducing damage to the environment [3, p. 185], and much more. Fulfillment of international legal obligations of our state in the transport sector also seems to be an extremely important task, which is reflected in the Transport Strategy of the Russian Federation [4, p. 98].

With a low legal culture, the laws will remain untouched, at best they will be read, having received primary knowledge for an easy idea of what is written in them. But knowledge of the law cannot be attributed to that level of legal knowledge, from the standpoint of which it is only possible to comprehend the meaning of laws and become able to translate them into the rule of law.

In the training system for transport specialists, legal education is of particular importance. Legal knowledge is extremely necessary for all employees of the transport system, so that each of them, when fulfilling their duties, consciously carries out their activities in the order defined by regulatory legal acts. When carrying out any activity – engineering, technical, organizational or otherwise – a transport employee should be guided by legal standards, where the order of activity is prescribed, the standards that must be followed are specified, the procedure for preventing danger is defined. Legal knowledge forms the ability to give true assessment of laws and other regulatory legal acts, providing the opportunity to translate legal norms into transport practice. The lack of legal knowledge among transport employees increases the likelihood that their activities will be unlawful and pose a threat to safe functioning of the transport system [5, pp. 6–8].

Based on the foregoing, the authors of the textbook focused on the task of teaching students the skills of analyzing legislation in the field of transport, the ability to correlate the provisions of certain regulatory legal acts regulating the activities of transport organizations and functioning of the transport complex with general legal categories and institutions. In order to solve this problem, the textbook highlights the features of legal regulation of transport activity by each branch of law, taking into account the requirements of legal norms governing relations in transport.

The publication was prepared by a team of teachers of the department «Transport Law» of the Law Institute of Russian University of Transport, which is the leading transport university in Russia, integrating system-wide tasks within the framework of a single transport system, and acting as an educational center of the industry.

The textbook is the fourth edition, substantially supplemented and revised, which is devoted to consideration of all topics studied in the framework of the discipline «Jurisprudence» by students of transport educational organizations. This publication provides a sufficient amount of material to ensure formation by first-year students of the relevant competencies necessary for successful training in subsequent courses in the discipline «Legal support of professional activities». Thus, the peer-reviewed textbook is intended to lay the foundation for formation of the knowledge system necessary for successful fulfillment by future transport specialists of duties during their upcoming professional mission.

The material presented in the textbook is authorial and complete in nature, and represents a convincing concept of transport legal understanding. It reflects all modern trends of dynamically developing Russian legislation, recent changes in legal acts regulating activities in the field of transport.

The textbook in an accessible form presents knowledge about the general theory of law, as well as information from the field of the main branches of modern law: constitutional, civil, administrative, labor, family, criminal, etc. The publication reflects in a necessary and sufficient degree the peculiarities of legal regulation of relations in the field of transport. At the same time, the practice of law enforcement shows the presence of numerous gaps and conflicts in the system of legal regulation and legal support of functioning of transport infrastructure. According to the authors, the presence of gaps and contradictions in legal regulation is not least due to ambiguity of understanding of the basic categories, to one degree or another, related to the issue under consideration.

The textbook fully complies with the requirements of the state educational standard in jurisprudence, is written in a simple and understandable, legally competent literary language, and will undoubtedly be of interest not only for students, but also for researchers, teachers, specialists and everyone who is interested in issues of law and its connections with transport.

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