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# **UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION (UCR) FACT SHEET**

## **Who is subject to UCR?**

If you have commercial vehicles that operate in interstate (across state lines) commerce, over 10,000 pounds, regardless of the type of vehicle registration or type of operation, you should have a USDOT number. You are also subject to the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Program. For Idaho, this program is administered by the Idaho Transportation Department, Commercial Vehicle Services, Motor Carrier Section.

## **What is a Commercial Motor Vehicle?**

For the 2007 – 2009 UCR filing years, a “commercial motor vehicle” was defined as a self-propelled or towed vehicle (power units and trailers), used on the highways in commerce principally to transport passengers or cargo, if the vehicle: had a gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more; is designed to transport 11 or more passengers (including the driver); or was used in transporting hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding. For example, if you had one tractor and two trailers, you had three commercial motor vehicles subject to UCR.

For the 2010 UCR filing year, a “commercial motor vehicle” is defined as a self-propelled vehicle (power units only), used on the highways in commerce principally to transport passengers or cargo, if the vehicle: has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater; is designed to transport more than 10 passengers, including the driver; or is used in transporting hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding.

## **Is UCR a one-time requirement or is it reoccurring?**

The UCR application and payment of fees is required annually. The filing notifications are sent to the mailing address shown in the Federal database for your USDOT number.

As of May 3, 2010, the 2007 UCR filing is no longer required. The 2008, 2009 and 2010 filing years should be current for all carriers with active USDOT numbers.

## **What are the UCR enforcement dates?**

The 2008 enforcement date was June 1, 2008. The 2009 enforcement date was January 1, 2009. The enforcement date for 2010 will be July 15, 2010.

## **How will enforcement confirm that I have applied?**

The data from your UCR filing (done online or through our office) will transmit to the FMCSA Web site, [www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov). Under the FMCSA Searches column, click on Unified Carrier Registration, then enter the USDOT number. Each year in which a filing has been completed will be listed.

### **I didn't file UCR for a previous year but should have, can I do it now?**

The 2007 filing is no longer required. If you were operating during 2008 and/or 2009 but did not file, you will need to file for all applicable years, including 2010.

### **How do I apply for UCR?**

The quickest way is online through the National UCR System at [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov). Step-by-step instructions are provided on the screens and payment can be made online using MasterCard, VISA or e-check. No application form is required.

*Caution:* Use the Internet Explorer bar at the top of your screen to access the National UCR site instead of a search engine. The main screen of the official UCR website has an image of the United States with the participating UCR states shown in green. If you see any other image or receive a list of sites to choose from, be aware you could be accessing a third-party link.

If you are unable to register online, the application forms for each applicable year are available via our website, [www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv/motorcarrierservices/mc.htm](http://www.itd.idaho.gov/dmv/motorcarrierservices/mc.htm). Mail the completed form to our office with a check payable to "State of Idaho" or with your MasterCard or VISA account number, cardholder name and card expiration date. Our mailing address is listed at the beginning of this document. If you are unable to print the online application form, contact Commercial Vehicle Services at (208) 334-8611.

### **What do I carry in the vehicle as proof I have complied with UCR?**

No credential is issued for UCR. Safety enforcement personnel will verify through the Federal database that you have met the requirement. If you utilize the online system, you have the ability to print a receipt. If you mail your application for us to process, you may go to the UCR Web site and select View Your UCR Information. If we have processed your application, you will be able to View Details, which will provide you with the ability to print your receipt. If no information is found **and** it has been more than two weeks since you submitted your application to our office, you may call (208) 334-8611 to inquire on the status.

### **I have a USDOT number so why didn't I get a UCR notification in the mail?**

The mailing address for your USDOT number may not be current or the notification was lost in the mail. Your USDOT number could also be classified as "intrastate" or not as a "carrier." Failure to receive a notification does not exclude you from meeting this requirement. UCR reminders are also published in the IRP renewal application instructions and articles are included in the monthly E-Trails electronic newsletter and the quarterly Newsline. To receive the monthly E-Trails newsletter (via e-mail), send an e-mail request to [cvs@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:cvs@itd.idaho.gov). The Newsline is sent quarterly to the mailing address for all Idaho accounts.

### **How do I review and/or update my information for my USDOT number?**

Review your Federal information at [www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov). Click on "Carrier Snapshot," enter your USDOT or MC number and verify that all your information is correct.

To update your USDOT data online, go to [www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov). Select FMCSA Registration and Updates, then click Online Registration Without Help. From there you can make the appropriate selection(s) to update your information. You will need your USDOT Personal Identification Number (PIN) to do this. If you are unable to update your USDOT record online, you may print the MCS-150 form from this site or request that we send one to you. Complete the form and submit it to our office.