

Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Program

The long awaited Unified Carrier Registration program is up and running. This answers the basic questions and gives filing instructions.

What is UCR?

The Unified Carrier Registration Agreement was enacted by Congress and is administered by participating states. Companies subject to this program must pay fees to travel into other states.

Who Is Subject to UCR?

Any motor carrier that operates in interstate or international commerce is subject to UCR. Included are many businesses that were not subject to the old Single State Registration System - private carriers, exempt carriers, regulated carriers that did not travel into SSRS states, brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies. Carriers based in Canada and Mexico that operate in the United States are subject to UCR.

What will the UCR program cost?

The program's fees are based on the number of commercial motor vehicles owned or operated by your company (trailers are also counted as a commercial motor vehicle). Brokers, leasing companies and freight forwarders pay a flat \$39 fee.

Bracket	Number of CMVs owned or operated by motor carrier or motor private carrier	Fee per company for motor carrier or motor private carrier	Fee per company for broker, freight forwarder or leasing company
B1	0-2	\$39	\$39
B2	3-5	\$116	
B3	6-20	\$231	
B4	21-100	\$806	
B5	101-1,000	\$3,840	
B6	1,001 and more	\$37,500	

Carriers with Internet access and a credit card or e-check can register for UCR by visiting www.UCR.in.gov or call the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Office to register. Call, toll-free, 1-888-737-0061 and select "option 2" or (601) 359-9741 and select "option 2."

In order to complete the registration process, you MUST

1. Have your USDOT number
2. Determine your base state

If you do not want to use the Internet system, you may use your phone to obtain information, an application, or other supporting documents.

1. Call the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Division at 1-888-737-0061 and select "Option 2". OR
2. Call (601) 359-9740 and select "Option 2"

How do I count the number of commercial motor vehicles to report?

1. Use the number of commercial motor vehicles listed on the last MCS-150 form you submitted for your USDOT number **OR**
2. List the number of commercial motor vehicles you owned or operated on June 30, 2006 on the UCR 2007 form.

What is the filing and payment deadline?

States will enforce payment of the fees **November 15, 2007**.

Will I need to carry a credential or something in the truck?

No. You are not required to carry any proof of compliance in the vehicle. You can carry the receipt for payment of the fees if you choose.

I am out of business and don't need a USDOT number anymore. Should I file the UCR form?

No. Do the following.

1. Fill out items 1-16 of a new MCS 150 form
2. Check the Out of Business box at the top of the form
3. Sign and mail it to:

FMCSA
Attn: USDOT Number Application
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

NOTICE!

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