

# Unified Carrier Registration Program (UCR)

## Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement FAQs

### What is the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and Agreement?

The Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan and Agreement are part of a Federally-mandated, State-administered program that went into effect September 10, 2007. Under this program, States collect fees from motor carriers, motor private carriers, freight forwarders, brokers and leasing companies, based on the number of qualifying commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in their fleets.

### What are the Unified Carrier Registration fees for 2010?

<b>FEES UNDER THE UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN AND AGREEMENT</b>			
<b>FOR REGISTRATION YEAR 2010</b>			
<b>Bracket</b>	<b>Number of CMVs owned or operated by exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder</b>	<b>Fee per entity for exempt or non-exempt motor carrier, motor private carrier, or freight forwarder</b>	<b>Fee per entity for broker or leasing company</b>
B1	0-2	\$ 76	\$ 76
B2	3-5	\$ 227	--
B3	6-20	\$ 452	--
B4	21-100	\$ 1,576	--
B5	101-1,000	\$ 7,511	--
B6	1,001 and above	\$73,346	

### Why did the 2010 fees increase from last year?

The statute requires the UCR Plan's board and FMCSA to set a fee structure that enables the participating States to collect the same amount of revenue (almost \$108 million) that they collected under the SSRS program for the 2004 registration period. Given that the UCR Plan experienced a shortfall in revenue that averaged almost \$30 million for each of the first three years of the program, the 2010 fees were adjusted from previous years. In addition, in 2008, the statute was amended so that, beginning in 2010, only power units would be counted as qualifying CMVs.

## Which States are Participating in UCR?

Alaska	Delaware	Kansas	Minnesota	New Mexico	Pennsylvania	Utah
Alabama	Georgia	Kentucky	Mississippi	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Arkansas	Idaho	Louisiana	Missouri	North Carolina	South Carolina	Washington
California	Illinois	Maine	Montana	North Dakota	South Dakota	Wisconsin
Colorado	Indiana	Massachusetts	Nebraska	Ohio	Tennessee	West Virginia
Connecticut	Iowa	Michigan	New Hampshire	Oklahoma	Texas	

**NOTE:** Carriers and others subject to UCR domiciled in non-participating states that are involved in interstate or international commerce must register under UCR and declare one of the states listed above as their base state. Any carriers with Internet access and a credit card or e-check can register for UCR by visiting [www.UCR.in.gov](http://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) 359-9740 and select "option 2."

### Why were the fees lowered from the NPRM to the final rule?

*The fees were adjusted in response to public comments FMCSA received after the issuance of the NPRM. The adjustment was made primarily from a change in the bracket shift factor. In the NPRM, FMCSA considered a bracket shift factor of 25% to account for departures from the expected number of CMVs used to determine the applicable fees. The final rule used a 15% bracket shift factor. The result is a downward adjustment in fees proposed in the NPRM, although the fees increased in each fee bracket (compared to the previous fees) in order to obtain full funding for the participating States.*

### Why did the fee take so long to be approved?

*FMCSA received numerous comments for and against the proposed adjustment were submitted that were considered by the agency. The comment period was extended to ensure that both States and Industry interests had an opportunity to submit their views. Additionally, the UCR rule was deemed as "significant" meaning that the final rule had to undergo additional review by both the Secretary of Transportation and the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget.*

### What do States do with the UCR revenue?

*The revenue generated from this program is to be used for CMV safety and enforcement initiatives as well as administration of the UCR program.*

**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, 2009 on the UCR 2010 form.

**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!***

*Enforcement begins **July 15, 2010***

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