

# TRUCKING TIPS

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## IRP Updates

Changes to the International Registration Plan are effective July 1, 2008. The details for these changes can be found in the new IRP Handbook, which is available at [www.in.gov/dor/mcs](http://www.in.gov/dor/mcs)

If you have made changes regarding your business, please update your IRP account. For example, if your company began life as sole proprietor, but recently became a corporation, your IRP account should reflect that change. Waiting to update your account when you renew may have a negative impact on your business.

We encourage all new IRP accounts to visit our Customer Service Center, Monday –Friday prior to 3 p.m. We are happy to help you properly set up your account.

## UCR Update

### **UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PROGRAM IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL INTERSTATE MOTOR CARRIERS, FREIGHT FORWARDERS, BROKERS & LEASING COMPANIES**

If you operate a tractor, truck or bus in interstate or international commerce, the registration requirements of the Unified Carrier Registration Agreement (UCR) apply to your business.

The UCR requires individuals and companies who operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate or international commerce to register their businesses with Indiana.

A commercial motor vehicle is defined as a self-propelled or towed vehicle used on the highways in commerce principally to transport passengers or cargo, if the vehicle:

- Has a gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more;
- Is designed to transport 11 or more passengers (including the driver); or
- Is used in transporting hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding.

The UCR registration includes an annual fee, which is typically based on the size of the fleet.

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## UCR Update continued

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Companies providing both motor carrier services and broker, freight forwarder or leasing services are also required to pay the registration fee. **Those Companies who operate solely as brokers, freight forwarders or leasing companies must register and pay a fee of \$39.** Motor private carriers, who transport only passengers, are not required to register or pay the fee.

The revenue generated from UCR registration will be used for the enforcement of motor-carrier safety programs. The registration deadline for the 2008 calendar year was June 1, 2008. Nationwide enforcement begins July 1, 2008.

If you operated in 2007 and did not register, you must pay both your 2007 and 2008 UCR fees to avoid possible enforcement action.

**To register, visit [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov) This fast, friendly service accepts MasterCard, Visa or e-Check.**

You may also mail the registration to:

Indiana Department of Revenue

Motor Carrier Division

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Please include form BAS-2, which is available at [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov) or by calling (317) 615-7350, with a check made payable to the Indiana Department of Revenue.

To learn more about UCR visit [www.in.gov/dor/mcs/insurance.html](http://www.in.gov/dor/mcs/insurance.html)

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## Important Fuel Tax Information

The grace period to place your new 2008 decals on the vehicle(s) expired March 1, 2008. If you have not renewed and placed the decals on your vehicle(s), you will be subject to fines and penalties. Please contact the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Section at (317) 615-7345 if you have any questions.

### Important Fuel Tax Dates:

April 30, 2008	IFTA-101	1st Quarter 2008
	MCFT-101	1st Quarter 2008
	MCS-1789	1st Quarter 2008
July 31, 2008	IFTA-101	2nd Quarter 2008
	MCFT-101	2nd Quarter 2008
	MCS-1789	2nd Quarter 2008
September 30, 2008	IFTA-101	3rd Quarter 2008
	MCFT-101	3rd Quarter 2008
	MCS-1789	3rd Quarter 2008

To avoid penalties, all Fuel Tax returns must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service, or received in our office, no later than the due date indicated for the period. Returns postmarked after the due date will be subject to a late filing/late payment penalty. The penalty will be calculated at 10 percent of the tax due or \$50, whichever is greater.

Throughout the spring and summer of 2008, we will be completing the development of a customer-focused, online-filing portal for all IFTA and Motor Carrier Fuel Tax customers. This portal will be used to file returns, renewals and perform account transactions. Look for your 2009 renewal packets this summer for all the details.

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