

TRUCKING TIPS

New Mandatory Online Fuel Tax System



Motor Carrier Services announces the completion of our much anticipated online filing portal for all IFTA and Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Carriers.

This new, customer-focused online service provides fuel-tax carriers access to their account 24 hours a day and offers electronic services such as:

- Ability to compute, file and pay quarterly tax returns
- Submit and pay renewal applications
- Manage decal and license card requests.

This exciting new service for our motor carriers will be in full implementation for the first-quarter 2012 return filings (due by 4/30/2012). Filing and payment for both IFTA and intrastate Motor Carrier Fuel tax filers becomes effective 01/01/2012 (IC 6-6.4.1-10/17).

If you want to be one of our pilot testers for the first-quarter 2012, please send an email to indianamotorfuel@dor.in.gov with the words "FTS Pilot Tester" in the subject line.

Please include in the text of your email your:

- Legal business name
- Indiana Tax Identification Number (TID)
- Fuel Tax License Number

If selected to be a "FTS Pilot Tester" you will receive a unique ID number and instructions on how to establish your user account.

For more information, please contact the Motor Carrier Fuel Tax Section at (317) 615-7345

CDL Medical Certification Requirements

Starting Jan. 30, 2012, if you are an interstate, non-excepted CDL driver the information from your medical examiner's certificate will be available to companies and law enforcement officers by accessing the national Commercial Driver License Information System ("CDLIS").

By Jan. 30, 2014, **all** interstate, non-excepted CDL holders' medical examiner's certificate information will be available in CDLIS. Under state law, all Indiana CDL holders must maintain a current physical examination form ("physical") and medical examiner's certificate with the Indiana Department of Revenue, Motor Carriers Services Division.



An expired physical/medical examiner's certificate will result in a "not-certified" status on CDLIS, and your CDL will be downgraded to your baseline driving privileges.

In addition to your physical, CDL holders with an FMCSA Vision, Insulin or SPE variance (also called an exemption) must furnish a copy of the variance(s) to the Indiana Department of Revenue, Motor Carriers Services Division. FMCSA could issue one or more type of variances. These will also be maintained on the CDLIS driver record.

Rescinded or expired exemptions will result in the disqualification of the CDL and a "not-certified" status on CDLIS. If you are "not-certified", the CDL will then be downgraded to your baseline driving privileges.

Restrictions

If a driver has an exemption, a "V" restriction will be placed on the CDL to show the CDL holder has a variance. CDL holders must either have the original or a copy of their variance(s) while operating a commercial vehicle.

Also included with the Medical Certification Requirements, is that all CDL holders **must self-certify** as to the type of driving, either interstate or intrastate, per 49 CFR §383.71 when the CDL permit or the CDL itself is issued.

By Jan. 30, 2014, all CDL holders must self-certify with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles or Department of Revenue, Motor Carriers Services Division.

After Jan. 30, 2014, CDL holders that have not self-certified will be changed to a "not-certified" status on CDLIS, and your CDL will be downgraded to your baseline driving privileges.

Finally, the BMV will conduct a driver record search using CDLIS for all CDL holders transferring to Indiana from another state. If your CDLIS Pointer (driver history) from your prior state of record is not available or your CDLIS Pointer is incomplete, there will be a delay in processing your application for a CDL in the State of Indiana.

The BMV will contact the licensing officials in the state(s) where the license was previously held to complete this process. When the BMV has received the required information, the applicant will be contacted by the Indiana BMV to return to the license branch to complete processing.

If you have any questions concerning transferring a CDL to Indiana from another state, please contact the BMV at 317-234-3593.

The FMCSA requirement

If you have not updated your Motor Carrier information, your IRP Renewal may be delayed. As a reminder, please have your USDOT PIN Number available prior to logging into the FMCSA website.

Indiana Motor Carrier Services Partners with Road Ready

In August 2011, the Motor Carrier Services Division entered into an agreement with Road Ready Inc. to begin the first, web-based medical certification system in Indiana. This new electronic data entry and document storage system offers an efficient method for submitting and monitoring a driver's Department of Transportation medical examination, including the medical examiner's certificate resulting from a physical.

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Road Ready's system also allows medical examiners to search the database and obtain previous DOT physical information, like a driver's medical history. This allows a more accurate health history appraisal.



With this new system, information obtained in the physical exam is entered by the medical examiner directly into a secure database. Once the CDL driver's examination is complete, the information is immediately sent to MCSD.

Since MCSD can now receive required medical information at the time of the CDL physical, the division can evaluate the physical and provide drivers with instant acknowledgement. The drivers will know the results of their physical and MCSD's decision before they even leave the doctor's office. This eliminates the 10 day waiting period a driver might experience with the old system.

Make sure to ask your examiner if he or she is using Road Ready to ensure your medical examiner's certificate is processed as quickly as possible.

To learn more about the partnership between Indiana Motor Carrier Services Division and Road Ready Inc., email jwhiteman@roadreadyinc.com.

2012 Interstate and Intrastate renewals



All intrastate carriers should have received their 2012 BAS-1A renewal in August 2011. Your BAS-1A will need to be submitted to the Motor Carrier Services Division on or before Nov. 30, 2011 in order to ensure that you will be in compliance on Jan. 1, 2012. If you have not yet received your renewal, please contact our office at 317-615-7350.

All interstate carriers should have received their 2012 Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) renewal notice in the mail in October 2011. Your 2012 UCR will need to be submitted to our office on or before Nov. 30, 2011 in order to ensure that you will be in compliance on Jan. 1, 2012. If you prefer to register online, you may do so at www.ucr.in.gov.

If you have any questions, concerns or just need a UCR form mailed to you, please contact our office at 317-615-7350.

International Registration Plan

Indiana IRP is in the process of inactivating Registrant only USDOT numbers. Please be sure to update your Motor Carrier information at <http://www.safer.fmcsa.dot.gov/>



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