



UCR Briefing

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Scott Morris, UCR Board Vice-Chair

UCR History & Overview

- Replaced the Single State Registration System (SSRS)
 - SSRS was created in the early 1990's
- Establishes a lower compliance burden for carriers
- Provides same level of revenue to the states
- Registration is good in all 50 states
- All registrations are completed online
- 41 participating states (revenue entitlements)



Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005

The Act

Public Law 109-59, Title IV, §4305(b),
August 10, 2005; Title 49 –
Transportation - USC §14504a

- The Act created the UCR Plan, and:
 - Provisioned a UCR Agreement (By-Laws)
 - Identified the entities subject to The Act
 - Established a governance board



Unified Carrier Registration Act of 2005

- Requires motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMV's) in interstate or international commerce, and other businesses subject to The Act, to:
 - Register on-line with UCR
 - Pay annual fees
- Fees are based on fleet size
- Purpose: To provide level funding to states while reducing the compliance burden on motor carriers



The UCR Plan & Agreement

- The UCR Plan is the **organization** of state, federal and industry representatives responsible for developing, implementing and administering the UCR Agreement
- The UCR Agreement **governs** the collection and distribution of registration information and fees generated under the UCR Plan



Entities Subject to The Act

- Entities subject to UCR include:
 - Motor carriers (and private motor carriers)
 - Brokers
 - Freight forwarders
 - Leasing companies



Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)

- **Definition of a Commercial Motor Vehicle for UCR purposes:**
 - A self-propelled vehicle used on the highways in commerce principally to transport passengers or cargo
 - Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater, or when connected to trailing equipment has a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater
 - Carries placarded amounts of hazardous materials, regardless of the vehicle's weight,
 - Is designed to carry more than 10 passengers, including the driver.



Governance – Board of Directors

- Appointed by US Secretary of Transportation (or designee)
 - 5 state members nominated by NCSTS*
 - 4 state members from FMCSA** Regions
 - 5 Industry members
 - 1 member from FMCSA

3-year terms, no limits on number of terms

* NCSTS – National Conference of State Transportation Specialists

** FMCSA – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



Governance – Board of Directors

NCSTS Appointees:

1. Scott Morris – AL Public Service Commission (UCR Board Vice-Chair)
2. Mike Hoeme – KS Corporation Commission
3. William Debord – KY Revenue Cabinet
4. Crystal Stevens – OK Corporation Commission
5. Terry Mercer – RI Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

FMCSA Regions Appointees:

1. Elizabeth Leaman – MA Department of Public Utilities (UCR Board Chair)
2. Jessica Kines – MI State Police
3. Carol Fallin – TX Department of Motor Vehicles
4. Suzanne Stillwell – WA Utilities & Transportation Commission



Governance – Board of Directors

Industry Appointees:

1. Christopher Burroughs – Transportation Intermediaries Association
2. David E. Bauer, Esq. – American Trucking Association
3. Brandon Buchanan – American Bus Association
4. Monte Wiederhold – B.L. Reeve Transport, Inc.
5. Tamara Young – Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

FMCSA Appointee:

1. Robin Hutcheson – Deputy Administrator



Current Fee Brackets

Bracket	Quantity of Units in Fleet	\$ Annual Fee
1	0-2	\$ 59.00
2	3-5	\$ 176.00
3	6-20	\$ 351.00
4	21-100	\$ 1,224.00
5	101-1,000	\$ 5,835.00
6	1,001 +	\$ 56,977.00

Units leased for more than 30 days are to be counted in the lessee's fleet of vehicles for the purpose of UCR.



History of Reduced Fees

	2017	2018	2019	2020 - 2022
Bracket 1	\$76	\$69	\$62	\$59
Bracket 2	\$227	\$206	\$185	\$176
Bracket 3	\$452	\$410	\$368	\$351
Bracket 4	\$1,576	\$1,431	\$1,283	\$1,224
Bracket 5	\$7,511	\$6,820	\$6,112	\$5,835
Bracket 6	\$73,346	\$66,597	\$59,689	\$56,977

NOTE: Fees for the 2023 registration year are currently under federal review but are expected to be significantly less than the fees for the 2020 – 2022 registration years.



Revenue

Maximum State Revenue Entitlements - \$107,777,060

2022 Administrative Cost Allowance - \$4,000,000

2020 Revenue - \$112,984,832

2021 Revenue - \$123,088,977

2022 Revenue - \$116,695,526

Data as of April 30, 2022



UCR Depository

- Depository created by The Act
- Collects substantially all fees remitted by registrants
- Distributes fees from participating states that exceed their revenue entitlements to those states that do not
- All 41 participating states have achieved their entitlements since 2014, in great part due to Depository Distributions



Selecting a Base State

- Entities subject to the requirements of the UCR program are also subject to:
- The requirement to register with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
- File FMCSA's Form MCS-150 or MCSA-1 and obtain a DOT number.
- Identify a “principal address.” For purposes of UCR:
 - this location is the registrant’s “principal place of business,”
 - If the registrant’s principal place of business is in a state that participates in UCR, that state is the entity’s base state
 - Otherwise select a base state nearest to the principal place of business
 - Base state is recipient of revenues collected by the UCR Plan



A stylized illustration of a white truck driving on a highway, set against a blue background with a red and grey geometric shape on the left side.

UCR National Registration System



National Registration System

- www.ucr.gov
- All registrations and transactions (fee payments & refunds) now performed electronically on-line
- Single website for UCR information, including law enforcement



National Registration System

- State administrators manage their own profile within the system
- Enforcement portal available
<https://www.ucr.gov/enforcement>
- Helpdesk support available:
 - 1-833-UCR-PLAN
 - helpdesk@ucr.gov



Enforcement

- Enforcement is a State responsibility
- Typically begins on January 1
- Penalties and fines accrue to the issuing state in addition to the UCR fee entitlement





Carrier Audits by States



Carrier Audits by States

- Participating states required to conduct annual audit of carriers for previous UCR registration year
- States review carriers that have retreated from a higher fee bracket to a lower bracket
- Focused Anomaly Reviews (FAR)



Carrier Audits by States

- International Registration Plan (IRP) Data
- Inspection Data
- Violation Data



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