



STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

2012 REGISTRATION YEAR IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL INTERSTATE MOTOR CARRIERS AND MOTOR PRIVATE CARRIERS

If you operate a truck or bus in interstate or international commerce, the federal Unified Carrier Registration Agreement (UCR) applies to your business.

Enforcement of the 2012 UCR program will begin nationwide on February 1, 2012. As in past years, carriers will not be required to carry or display UCR receipts in their vehicles. Enforcement personnel will use electronic records to verify UCR compliance.

The criteria allowing the deletion or exclusion of vehicles, found on the 2012 UCR application, Section 4, # 1 (optional), used in intrastate commerce has been clarified by the UCR Board. A vehicle may be subtracted from UCR fees if the vehicle is used exclusively in the *intrastate* transportation of property, waste or recyclable material and;

1. The vehicle did not or will not travel outside the state;
2. The vehicle did not or will not carry property, waste or recyclable material that originated outside the state or is destined for a location outside the state, and;
3. The vehicle was not or will not be registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP). The vehicle must not have an apportioned plate.

UCRA, on the other hand, requires all motor carriers required to register with the United States Department of Transportation ("USDOT"), including private, for-hire, and exempt carriers, as well as brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies to pay UCR fees.

Every state must enforce UCR requirements. Failure to have current UCR registration is a violation of FMCSR [Part 392.2](#), a provision requiring that every commercial motor vehicle must be operated in accordance with the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the jurisdiction in which it is being operated.

Purely *intrastate* motor carriers are not subject to UCRA, unless a state that participates in UCRA elects to extend the requirements of UCRA to its intrastate carrier population. In general, apart from entities that receive a USDOT number solely under the PRISM Program and intrastate carriers of hazardous materials, all carriers that have a USDOT number are under the UCRA.

Payments are due on or before December 31, 2011

If you operated in previous years, back to 2007, and did not register in the UCR for those registration years, you must pay the prior year fees to avoid possible enforcement action.

On-line payments may be made by Visa, Mastercard or eCheck at <http://www.ucr.in.gov/>.