

Learn How to Register

Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)

The Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Program requires individuals and companies that operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate or international commerce to register their business with a participating state and pay an annual fee based on the size of their fleet. Companies operating solely as brokers, freight forwarders or leasing companies are also required to register. Companies providing both motor carrier services as well as broker, freight forwarder or leasing services are required to pay the fee level set at the motor carrier level.

A "commercial motor vehicle" is defined as a self-propelled 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.

You must pay UCR fees annually in order to operate in interstate commerce. This has taken place of your Single State Registration System (SSR) and Interstate Exempt System (IEX).

To register for Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) you are required to register using the new UCR 2.0 Federal System.

To access their system, please click www.ucr.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you operated in the prior year and did not register in the UCR, you must pay both last years and the current year's UCR fees to avoid possible enforcement action. North Carolina will mail the UCR registration renewal invitations to all North Carolina carriers annually.

If you have any questions, please call North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicle – International Registration Plan (IRP) Unit at (919) 615-6700 or (980) 260-2650.