



Training notes from the woods & the classroom

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Uniform Carrier Registration

Do you cross state or federal borders in a commercial motor vehicle?

It is mandatory for all carriers operating in interstate and foreign commerce to register with a registration state before 11/15/2007.

The Single State Registration System (SSRS) and Minnesota Interstate Exempt Commodity Bingo Stamp (commonly known as a D-1 Bingo Stamp) was terminated by section 4305A of the Uniform Carrier Registration Act of 2005, enacted as Subtitle C of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) as of January 1, 2007.

As replacement for this program, the Uniform Carrier Registration (UCR) program was announced in Minnesota on October 5, 2007. The UCR program includes all interstate and foreign motor carriers of property and passengers. This includes private motor carriers that were not previously regulated by the now retired registration programs.

It is mandatory for all carriers operating in interstate and foreign commerce to register with a registration state before 11/15/2007. Minnesota is not a registration state but is a participating state. To avoid delays, it is highly recommended that you file and submit your payment online at: www.ucr.in.gov. To register by mail, you need to complete the UCR application form and send your application and payment to the *base state you have chosen from list provided in the registration form*.

After 11/15/2007, interstate and foreign carriers not registered will be fined for non-registration.

Definitions

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:

- (a) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater;
- (b) is designed to transport 11 or more passengers (including the driver); or
- (c) is used in transporting hazardous materials in a quantity requiring placarding.

Interstate Commerce - means trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States—

- (1) Between a place in a State and a place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States);
 - (2) Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States;
- or

(3) Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside the State or the United States.

How Do I Register?

To avoid delays, it is highly recommended that you file and submit your payment online at: www.ucr.in.gov. To register by mail, you need to complete the UCR application form and send your application and payment to the *base state you have chosen from the list provided in the registration form*. Copies of the form are available online at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo/property/UCRinfo.pdf> or by contacting the MLEP office.

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