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## Welcome to the SCDMV

April 25, 2023

### Trucking Connection

***Our apologies! The incorrect version of this newsletter was sent earlier today. The version below has been updated with the correct information and links. Thank you!***

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) is excited to be a resource for the commercial trucking industry through the quarterly Trucking Connection newsletter.

In this issue, you'll learn:

- How the SCDMV is working to ensure better customer experiences
- Trucker Tips for new/renewal accounts
- CDL Test Updates
- TPT Training Schedule
- What's coming up in Charleston, SC
- What's new at the SCDMV

### Better customer experiences start here.

Motor Carriers Services (MCS) rolled out a comprehensive training program in December 2022 to create consistent knowledge and capabilities in all IFTA/IRP branch offices, Headquarters processing units, and the Motor Carriers Information Center.

This training is aimed at serving the trucking industry with an improved level of competency in the areas of IRP, IFTA, UCR, and new account creation. So far, more than 70 employees have completed the training, and training for additional employees will be ongoing as the SCDMV looks to expand the role of other branch offices to provide IFTA/IRP services.

MCS trainers will be conducting on-site visits at branch offices to assist employees and ensure they are prepared to meet the needs of trucking customers.

**Stay tuned!** MCS trainers are developing workshops to deliver IFTA/IRP training to trucking partners throughout the state. Dates and locations will be announced soon.

Questions for the MCS Training Division can be sent to [MCStraining@scdmv.net](mailto:MCStraining@scdmv.net).



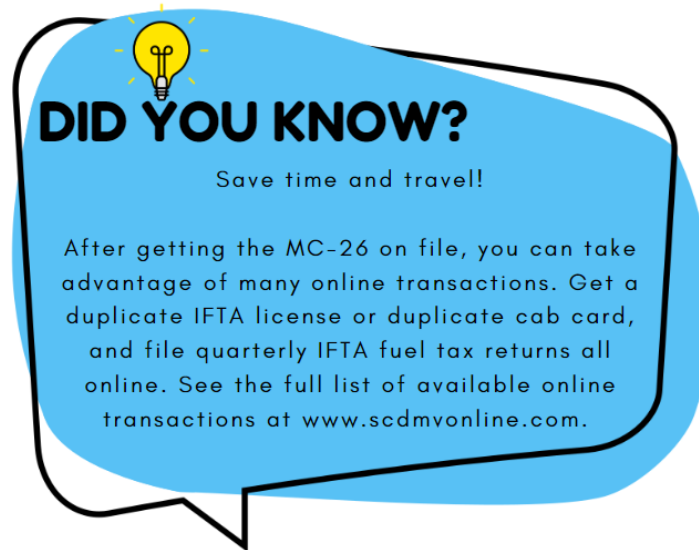
## Trucker Tips: new and renewal IFTA/IRP accounts



Need to open an account? New IFTA/IRP accounts can only be opened online by visiting the [New IFTA/IRP Account Portal](#). Once your account is created, supporting documents can be scanned and emailed to [MCSHQ@scdmv.net](mailto:MCSHQ@scdmv.net), or sent by mail to: SCDMV Motor Carriers Services, 10311 Wilson Blvd. Blythewood, SC 29016-0027.

[IFTA renewals](#) are also completed online. You must have a [Web Entry Access Application](#) (Form MCS-26) on file with the SCDMV. Once approved and given a login, you can begin the renewal process. Completed forms can be scanned and emailed to [MCSHQ@scdmv.net](mailto:MCSHQ@scdmv.net) or sent by mail to: SCDMV Motor Carriers Services, 10311 Wilson Blvd. Blythewood, SC 29016-0027.

The decal will be mailed to you once the documents are reviewed and approved.



## The new, modernized CDL test

The SCDMV is looking forward to implementing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) modernized commercial driver's license skills test that was approved August 2022.

The modernized test improves test administration effectiveness and efficiency. It primarily impacts the vehicle inspection and basic skills portions of the test.

### ***What's changing?***

- Every applicant will perform a **full** vehicle inspection, however there will be fewer items with a focus on critical safety items
- A vehicle inspection checklist available for applicants to use during the new exam
- Revised coupling system criteria
- Four-part air brakes check
- Basic skills forward stop box, forward offset tracking, scoring "clearance" on forward offset tracking, scoring "back-ups" on forward moving exercises, reverse offset tracking vs. parallel and alley dock

## Training Schedules

If you're a third-party tester who needs training, the next CDL Examiner Training date will be **May 15 through May 19, 2023**. Please contact your compliance officer or email [cdlcompliance@scdmv.net](mailto:cdlcompliance@scdmv.net) to get scheduled for a training session.

\*This training schedule is not for the modified skills test. More details will be available for that training soon.\*

## Meet us at the port!

The next CDL Day is scheduled for May 25, 2023, at the Hugh K. Leatherman Terminal in North Charleston, SC.

This day is dedicated to commercial driver's licenses (CDLs), to include walk-in testing services for CDLs. Customers will be able to apply for and take the skills test for a CDL if the applicant completes the pre-trip inspection and meets all other CDL requirements.



## What's new at the SCDMV?

### Check your medical certificate status online!

CDL customers can check the status of their medical certificate online. Visit [Check Medical Certificate Status for CDL](#). Customers will be prompted to enter their driver's license or customer number, social security number and date of birth to display the most recent medical certificate on file.



### The apportioned plate has a new look!

With the current numerical sequence of numbers nearing exhaustion on the plate beginning with the letter P, a new plate that begins with the letter A followed by six digits will be issued starting in April 2023.

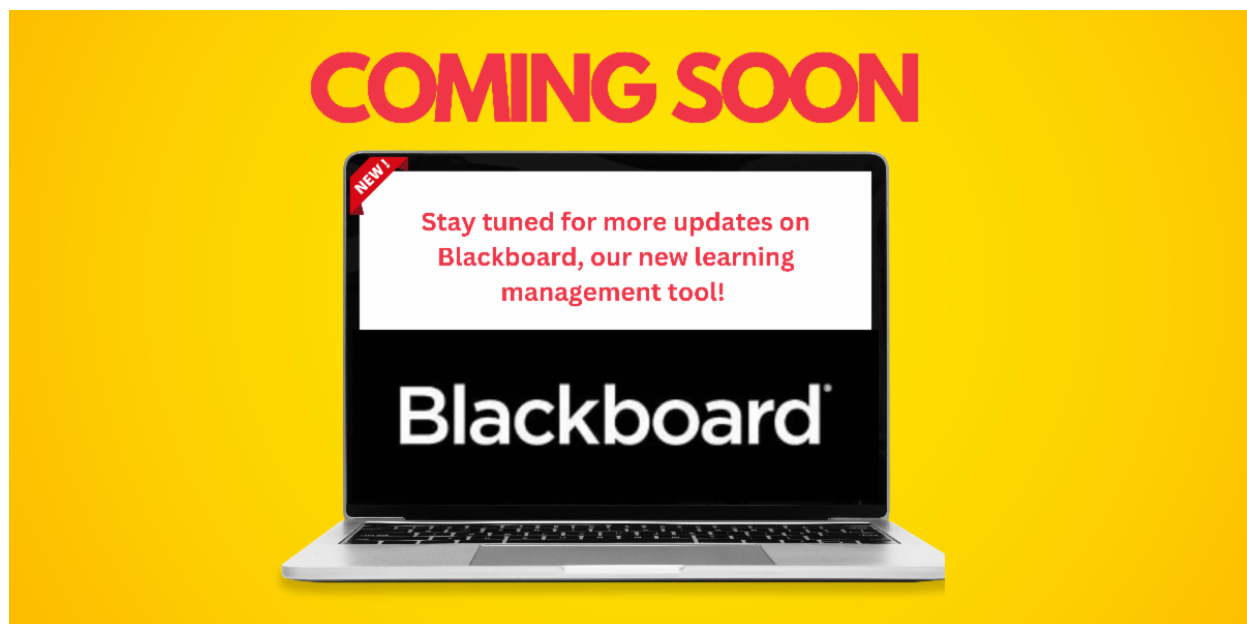
Customers with existing apportioned plates will make no changes and may continue using them. No other action will need to be taken and they will not be replaced outside of the usual replacement cycle.

The new plate design will be issued when a customer needs to replace a lost, damaged, or stolen plate or when a new vehicle is being added to a fleet. If you have any questions about the new plate, please contact Motor Carrier Services at 803-896-3870.



### **Blackboard is coming to the SCDMV!**

We're excited to share that the Blackboard Learning Management System is coming to the SCDMV! This platform will help make scheduling more efficient for trainings and offer more resources for a better learning experience.



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