

Motor Carrier Connection, February 2024

*The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles provides information for motor carrier customers, on topics from commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) to International Registration Plan (IRP) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) accounts. In this issue of the publication formerly entitled **Trucking Connection**, you will find information about Heavy Vehicle Use Tax changes, EVR compliance, quarterly payments, Road Use Fees, CDL modernization and other topics.*

HVUT Change

Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, SCDMV **no longer accepts** the 2290 payment on behalf of the IRS for the Heavyweight Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT-Form 2290, Schedule 1). All payments for the HVUT must be paid directly to the IRS and can be made online by going to the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Information can be found on the IRS website in the [Trucking Tax Center](#) link. Please remember that a paid receipt for the vehicles listed on the Form 2290 (Schedule 1) with IRS watermark must be presented to the SCDMV at the time of vehicle renewal to show proof of tax payment.

EVR Compliance

Effective January 18, 2024, all dealers in South Carolina must by law use **Electronic Vehicle Registration (EVR)** when selling a vehicle to a customer. In addition, a 45-day traceable temporary tag must be issued to the customer and placed on the vehicle until the plate arrives in the mail. This applies to all dealers, including those selling large commercial motor vehicles. Currently, the SCDMV is working with the General Assembly on legislation for commercial motor vehicles to be issued a smaller (motorcycle-size) traceable temporary tag that may be displayed on the right side, interior of the windshield to increase durability of the temporary tag until the regular license plate for the vehicle arrives by mail.

Intrastate Quarterly Payments

Beginning July 1, 2024, all intra-state carriers, operating solely inside South Carolina, may apply to have their annual registration and other fees broken into **quarterly payments**. As part of applying for quarterly payments, the carrier will be issued a new plate designated specifically for this option. If you have multiple vehicles registered for your business, this is an opportunity to combine them into a single fleet and have a single annual renewal date, with the total cost of renewal broken into even quarterly payments. Information on how to apply for the quarterly payments prior to the renewal date will be mailed to all intrastate carriers in early 2024.

Road Use Fees

Be on the lookout for a **letter to all carriers** that explains how Road Use Fees can be paid. There are several counties in South Carolina that may not accept Road Use Fee payments at the

county tax office. A letter will be sent out in spring 2024 that explains this situation in more detail. If your county accepts the Road Use Fee Payment, you may pay it at either the county tax office or at the SCDMV. However, if your county is among those that do not accept this payment, it can only be made at the SCDMV. For questions about if your county tax office participates in this fee collection, please reach out to your local auditor's or tax office.

Annual Large Commercial Vehicle Registration

Beginning July 1, 2024, an intrastate large commercial motor vehicle will be required to **register annually** rather than biennially under South Carolina law. Affected customers will receive a letter from the SCDMV if they are an intrastate large commercial motor vehicle (26,001 lbs. GVW and greater) and it will spell out what steps will need to be taken. The letter is projected to go out in spring 2024, so look for it then.

SCDMV Digital Media

Please check out the SCDMV on **YouTube!** The Motor Carrier Services Directorate has created many "How To" videos for informing the motor carrier industry on ways of performing online transactions at home or while out on the road. This will save time spent out of your schedule visiting a branch office when you see the easy-to-follow instructions online and can perform the same transactions. The YouTube channel also hosts the "Payload Podcast." The podcast is a way to keep the motor carrier industry informed of news and updates targeted specifically for them. Content is being added weekly. Please visit and subscribe to the channel, [SCDMV Communications](#), and also find us on Facebook by searching South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles or find the link on our website, www.scdmvonline.com.

CDL Modernization Project

The SCDMV is implementing the modernized (Commercial Driver's License) CDL skills test. As of January, the Columbia Shop Road branch office became the latest location to offer the modernized test, joining the Charleston Leeds Avenue, Ladson, Kingstree, Conway and the Seneca branch offices, with the Greenville Saluda Dam office converting in February. Please watch for several more SCDMV locations to be added throughout the year.

All third-party skills testers will be **required to convert** to the new, modernized version of the test by July 1, 2025. This will require updates to current skills pads and training to certify skills test examiners to administer the modernized test. Third-party testers should have received a questionnaire from SCDMV in August regarding their projected date to convert to the modernized test. Training offerings will be sent to third-party testers based on the date the third-party tester projected they will convert. Testers will receive an email 30 to 60 days prior to their planned conversion inviting their currently certified skills test examiners to attend an upcoming three-day training.

To update your projected conversion date or ask a question, please contact cdlcompliance@scdmv.net.

Updates for the modernized CDL test can be found in supplemental sections 11M and 12M located at the back of the 2023 Commercial Driver License Manual. You can find all this information by going to this link online, [CDL Manual](#).

Apportioned Bus Plates

The Apportioned Bus Plate is getting **a new look!** If you are getting a new license plate for this class, soon you will notice an additional digit has been added to the number sequence. Adding the additional character to the plate will allow for continued use of this apportioned plate for many years to come. When your new plate arrives in the mail, place it on your vehicle.

