

Motor Carrier Connection



Fall 2024 Newsletter for Motor Carriers from the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

In this Issue ...

- Upcoming Dates
- Best Practices
- UCR Registration
- Third-Party Testing Reminder
- Annual Registration for Large Commercial Motor Vehicles
- Road Use Fee on County Tax Bill
- Quarterly Payments for Intrastate Large Commercial Motor Vehicles
- New Road Use Fee Calculator and Estimator
- New 45-day Temporary License Plate for Large Vehicles



Upcoming Dates

- 3rd Quarter IFTA tax return opens on Oct. 1 and is due by Oct. 31, 2024
- Unified Carrier Registration opens on Oct. 1 and is due by Dec, 31, 2024

Best Practices

- It's renewal time! After filing your Third Quarter tax return, you are eligible to renew your IFTA License for 2025.
- Always make sure to maintain your records: IFTA for 4 years and IRP for 3 years.
- When renewing your IRP, make sure you have your insurance, your Form 2290 and your IRP-9 if applicable. Also, please have your mileage logs prepared in case a review or override is required.

If you have any questions, be sure to contact our Motor Carrier Information Center at (803) 896-3870 or MCSHQ@SCDMV.net.

UCR Registration

The Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) period has opened. Payment is required by federal and state regulations for carriers that transport commerce between two states (i.e., interstate commerce).

Farms, ranches, custom harvesters, tow trucks, construction and passenger carriers must also meet this requirement.

Possession of an active USDOT number necessitates your compliance with these regulations. UCR payment is due annually by no later than **Dec. 31st, 2024**.

If you are unsure about whether your company is required to register with the UCR or other aspects of the UCR Plan, visit: <https://plan.ucr.gov/registration-compliance-helper/>.

CDL Third-Party Testing Reminder

In July 2023, the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles adopted the AAMVA (American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators) Modernized Commercial Driver's License Skills Test. This requires testers to be trained and certified to administer the new version of the test as well as modifications to skills testing pads.

The deadline for all third-party testers to convert to the modernized testing is June 30, 2025. At that time all third-party testers will be required to be certified and performing the modernized skills test. To continue testing, your site must be converted to the new pad and your examiners must have up-to-date training. We encourage all third-party testers to convert your site to the modernized test early, as we cannot guarantee training spots for testers and examiners who wait until the final months to convert.

Please contact CDLCompliance@scdmv.net or 803-896-9606 with questions.

Annual Registration for Large Commercial Motor Vehicles

Effective July 1, 2024, Large Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicles are required to have an annual registration due to the requirements outlined in Act 37 of 2021. The SCDMV sent letters to all customers who have a vehicle that has a declared gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001 lbs. or greater notifying them of this change.

Road Use Fee on County Tax Bill

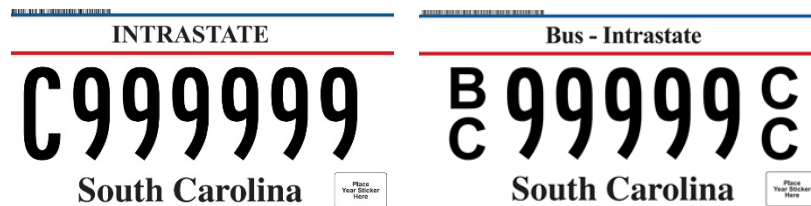
Beginning July 1, 2024, counties are no longer required to collect the Road Use Fee (RUF) for Large Commercial Motor Vehicle renewals. As such, some counties may not include the RUF on their renewal notices they sent to the customer, which require the customer to come into an SCDMV branch office to complete their registration. The SCDMV sent out letters to all customers who have a vehicle that has a declared gross

vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001 lbs. or greater to inform them of this change.

Quarterly Payments for Intrastate Large Commercial Motor Vehicles

Beginning July 1, 2024, Intrastate Large Commercial Motor Vehicle customers may apply to have their registration fees and Road Use Fees divided into four quarterly payments. To qualify for the quarterly payments, an intrastate commercial motor vehicle must have a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001 lbs. or greater or be an intrastate bus that carries 16 passengers or more. The customer can apply for this program through Motor Carrier Services. and once the account is approved, a new license plate will be mailed to the customer with the vehicle registration and decal. To inform customers of this change, the SCDMV sent out letters to all customers who have a vehicle that has a declared gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001 lbs. or greater.

Here are sample images of the Intrastate plates:



New Road Use Fee Calculator and Estimator

Effective June 5, 2024, a new function was added to the [SCDMVOnline](#) website that allows employees to provide a customer the exact Road Use Fee (RUF) due for registration without having to go through a renewal transaction. Customers can access this [RUF Estimator at SCDMVonline.com](#) to view estimated RUF values.

New 45-day Temporary Plate for Intrastate Large Commercial Motor Vehicles

The SCDMV will be rolling out for intrastate vehicles a smaller-sized 45-day Temporary License Plate for Large Commercial Motor Vehicles that will be placed in the front passenger side window of a cab instead of on the front of the bumper area. Release of this new product is planned for Nov. 18, 2024.