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2026-01 – Unified Carrier Registration Enforcement Bulletin for 2026 Registration Year

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Summary

This bulletin provides guidance for verifying compliance with Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) during a roadside inspection and encourages roadside enforcement for the 2026 registration year, effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Background

The 2005 U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) re-authorization bill, also known as SAFETEA-LU, codified UCR into federal law.

Enforcement of Previous UCR Registration Year (2025)

For roadside enforcement of the previous UCR registration year, enforcement staff should first obtain evidence of interstate/international operations occurring during that registration year. Proof may include, but is not limited to:

- log entries
- toll receipts
- shipping papers
- bills of lading
- previous year's apportioned receipt
- prior years' roadside inspection reports of interstate/international operations

Who is Subject to UCR?

All motor carriers (for-hire, private and exempt), brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies operating in interstate and international commerce are subject to the UCR Agreement. Carriers based in Canada and Mexico that operate in the U.S. are also subject to the UCR Agreement.

Who is Not Subject to UCR?

The following groups are not subject to UCR:

- A motor carrier designating intrastate commerce (those that do not handle interstate/international freight or make interstate/international movements)

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- Private motor carriers of passengers (those that operate as a private motor carrier engaged in the interstate/international transportation of passengers which is provided in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise and is not available to the public at large)

Is there a UCR Credential?

No UCR credential is required to be carried in the commercial motor vehicle. The UCR can be verified through CVIEW, SAFER or www.ucr.gov/enforcement.

Fees

The UCR fees for registration year 2026 will remain unchanged from 2025 across all six tiers. The registration system opened for 2026 on October 1, 2025 at: <https://www.UCR.gov>.

Want to learn more about the UCR Plan?

To learn more about the UCR Plan, go to <https://plan.ucr.gov/>.

Enforcement Guidance

The 2026 UCR enforcement begins Jan. 1, 2026. The UCR Board recommends that states begin enforcement for the 2026 registration year on Jan. 1, 2026.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has a Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) violation code in the inspection software to indicate that a carrier is not in compliance with UCR, which is **392.2 UCR - Failure to pay UCR fees**.

Any non-compliance of the UCR registration should be documented on the Driver/Vehicle Examination Report as a “392.2 UCR - Failure to pay UCR fees” violation.

NOTE: Consult your state statute and departmental regulation to verify the state has a supporting UCR law before documenting a violation on an inspection report or issuing a citation. A violation shall not be documented in instances where there is no supporting state statute/regulation.