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NEW! UCR Decision Tree



UCR has developed a new tool to assist potential registrants in learning whether they need to register under UCR. The UCR Decision Tree is available on plan.ucr.gov and is linked below for your convenience.

[View the Decision Tree Tool](#)

UCR Policy Spotlight: Suspended Payment Method(s)



In situations of misuse or abuse of a certain payment method by motor carriers or registration permitting services, it may be necessary to suspend the registrant from paying by that particular payment method. This situation is called a “suspended payment method.” This policy defines situations when misuse or abuse of a payment method occurs and the restrictions that will result.

Automated Clearing House (ACH) Payment – An ACH payment is an online payment of the UCR fee through the NRS by entering a bank routing number and a checking or savings account number. Misuse is deemed to have occurred when a registrant fails to enter the proper banking information after three consecutive attempts.

Payment by Credit or Debit Card – In the event that a payment card is declined or is disputed for a non-valid reason, misuse is deemed to have occurred and the registrant will be suspended from making payment by a payment card for the next two registration years. Valid reasons for disputing a payment card transaction include:

- Disputing the transaction more than ninety days after it was executed
- Disputing a transaction more than one time per registration year
- Illegal use of another party’s payment card

When the payment card option is suspended for reasons described above, a UCR registrant will have the option to choose an alternative method of payment.

Paper Check by Mail – Any payment that is declined due to insufficient funds in the account is deemed to be abuse of the payment method and the registrant will be suspended from paying by mail-in check, unless the subsequent check is certified funds from an accredited financial institution, a cashier's check or money order.

Industry News

5 Things Fleets Need to Know About the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse

Nearly 48,000 drivers have been taken off the road because of violations tracked in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse, an electronic database of commercial driver's license holders who have tested positive for drug or alcohol use and other related violations.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: Lockridge, Deborah. "5 Things Fleets Need to Know About the Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse." Heavy Duty Trucking. March 25, 2021. www.truckinginfo.com

How to Prepare for the 2021 International Roadcheck

Each year the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) conducts an all-out 72-hour inspection effort. Here's what to look out for when getting ready for this year's Roadcheck blitz, scheduled for May 4 – 6.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: Vaughn, Steve. "How to Prepare for the 2021 International Roadcheck." FleetOwner. April 1, 2021. www.fleetowner.com

Upcoming UCR Events



April 22: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Teleconference

April 29: [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

May 13: [Finance Subcommittee Meeting](#)
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May 20: [Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)
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May 21: [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)
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June 8: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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July 15: [Finance Subcommittee Meeting](#)

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July 22: [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)

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August 12: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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August 26: [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)

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September 23: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)

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