### February 2020

## **2020 UCR Registration Open with Reduced Fees**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) having published its final rule reducing annual carrier fees, the 2020 UCR registration period is open. This is the third consecutive year of UCR fee reductions based on recommendations from the UCR Board of Directors. See fees.

### **Register Now**

For support or questions, call 1-833-UCR-PLAN or send an email to <a href="mailto:helpdesk@ucr.gov">mailto:helpdesk@ucr.gov</a>

## **Enforcement Delay Recommended**

Due to the delayed opening of the 2020 registration period, UCR recommends states delay enforcement until June 1, 2020.

## **Performance Standards for State Compliance Reviews**

UCR oversees periodic compliance reviews of all participating states. In addition to ensuring fair enforcement of and compliance with the UCR Act and the UCR Agreement, the reviews evaluate alignment with administrative best practices and determine opportunities for improvement. UCR will conduct eight reviews per year, so each state can generally expect to undergo a compliance review once every five years.

The State Performance Standards are the criteria UCR uses to evaluate compliance. According to these initial performance standards, each state undergoing a compliance review will be assessed as either Compliant or Not Compliant with UCR requirements.

The performance standards are on the UCR website and state employees can reference them at any time to determine if they are complying with the UCR standards. The State Performance Standards will be updated from time to time, as the UCR Plan continues to evolve, so states are encouraged to check the standards often.

#### View the compliance standards.

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## **UCR Training at NCSTS Annual Summer Conference**

Join the UCR Education and Training Subcommittee for a day of state employee training at the National Conference of State Transportation Specialists (NCSTS) Annual Summer Conference in Portland, Oregon, June 8. Each state is required to send at least one person, and UCR will reimburse travel expenses for one attendee per state.

In the first in-person training of the year, we will cover:

- A general overview of the UCR program
- Enforcement
- Using the UCR National Registration System

The UCR Board of Directors will also meet at the NCSTS Annual Summer Conference on June 9.

#### Learn more.

## **Industry News**

# **FMCSA Seeks Comments on Entry-Level Driver Training**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is accepting comments on a rule regarding minimum training requirements for entry-level commercial motor vehicle operators.

#### Read the article.

Source: "FMCSA seeks comments on entry-level driver training" Truckers News. Feb. 4, 2020. www.truckersnews.com

# Wearable Tech That Tells Drowsy Truckers It's Time to Pull Over

Biometric sensors aren't new technology, but they are getting more affordable and practical as a way for truck drivers to manage fatigue.

#### Read the article.

Source: Weed, Julie. "Wearable Tech That Tells Drowsy Truckers It's Time to Pull Over." The New York Times. Feb. 6, 2020. www.nytimes.com

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# **Upcoming UCR Events**

### February 20

**Education and Training Subcommittee Meeting** 

#### March 12

**UCR Board of Directors Meeting** 

#### March 19

**Education and Training Subcommittee Meeting** 

### April 23

**UCR Board of Directors Meeting** 

#### June 8

**UCR State Employee Training** 

#### June 9

**UCR Board of Directors Meeting** 

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