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July 2021

## 2022 UCR Registration Opens October 1, 2021

Registration will open October 1, 2021, for the 2022 UCR registration year. Fees will remain the same as they are for 2021.

[See Fees](#)

## UCR Updates Definition of a Commercial Motor Vehicle

The UCR Act requires transportation operations to register and pay annual fees for commercial motor vehicles involved in interstate or international commerce. The UCR Board has updated the definition of a commercial motor vehicle for clarity by adding the text in bold below.

For purposes of the UCR, a commercial motor vehicle is defined as: *A self-propelled vehicle used on the highways in commerce principally to transport passengers or cargo, if the vehicle:*

- *Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater, or when connected to trailing equipment has a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater, or*
- *Carries placarded amounts of hazardous materials, regardless of the vehicle's weight, or*
- *Is designed to carry more than 10 passengers, including the driver.*

The above is consistent with the definition of a commercial motor vehicle as set forth by reference in the UCR Act (49 U.S. Code § 31101.)

## UCR Policy Spotlight: Refund Procedure

UCR refunds can be given if the fee was paid in error, if the registration is corrected to a lower fee bracket, or if a registrant



pays for the upcoming registration year but ceases operations that would subject it to UCR fees before the year actually starts. View the [Refund Procedure](#), plus all of the policies adopted by the UCR Board of Directors, [on the UCR website](#).

## Industry News

### States With the Worst Traffic and Highways, Ranked

As America's interstate highway system turned 65 years old, a nonprofit released a report showing which states have the worst traffic and road conditions.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: "States with the worst traffic and highways, ranked." Overdrive. June 24, 2021. [www.overdriveonline.com](http://www.overdriveonline.com)

### Nationwide Rail Services Driver Extinguishes Fire, Aids Accident Victim

The Truckload Carriers Association named an Illinois truck driver a Highway Angel for helping a driver during a collision and fire.

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Source: "Nationwide Rail Services driver extinguishes fire, aids accident victim." Truckers News. June 28, 2021. [www.truckersnews.co](http://www.truckersnews.co)

## Upcoming UCR Events



**July 15:** [Finance Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*

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

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

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

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

**October 7:** [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*

**October 21:** [Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*

**November 4:** [Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*

**November 9 and 10:** [Finance and Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Savannah, GA*

**November 18:** [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Scottsdale, AZ*

**December 15:** [Subcommittee Training \(Audit, Education & Training, and Finance\)](#)  
*San Diego, CA*

**December 16:** [Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
*San Diego, CA*