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2021 UCR Registration Is Open

Registration for the 2021 UCR registration year is open, with [no fee changes](#) from the 2020 registration year.

[Register Now](#)

For support or questions, call 1-833-UCR-PLAN or email helpdesk@ucr.gov.

2021 UCR Enforcement Is Active



Enforcement of 2021 UCR registration became effective January 1, 2021. See our [training video on enforcement](#) for more information and watch more training videos for state employees in the [Education and Training Center](#).

UCR Policy Spotlight: Whistleblower Policy



The Whistleblower Policy of the Unified Carrier Registration Plan (UCR) encourages individuals to come forward with credible information on illegal practices or serious violations of adopted policies of the UCR. It specifies that the UCR will protect the person from retaliation and identifies where such information can be reported.

1. **Encouragement of Reporting** – The UCR encourages complaints, reports or inquiries about illegal practices or serious violations of the UCR policies, including illegal or improper conduct by the organization itself, its leadership, or by others on its behalf. The policy includes financial improprieties, accounting or audit matters, ethical violations, or other illegal or improper acts, practices or policies.
2. **Protection from Retaliation** – The UCR prohibits retaliation by or on behalf of the UCR against individuals for making good faith complaints, reports or inquiries under this policy. This protection extends to those whose allegations are made in good faith but prove to be mistaken. The UCR reserves the right to take appropriate

actions against persons who make knowingly false, or vexatious complaints, reports or inquiries.

3. **Where to Report** – Complaints, reports or inquiries may be made under this policy on a confidential or anonymous basis. They should describe in detail the specific facts demonstrating the basis for the complaints, reports or inquiries, and be directed to the Chairperson of the UCR Board of Directors, another officer, or the director of the UCR. The UCR will conduct a prompt, discreet, and objective review or investigation.

View the complete [Whistleblower Policy](#), plus all of the policies adopted by the UCR Board of Directors, in the [Policy Resource Center](#) on the UCR website.

Industry News

Fleets Use Risk Management Strategies That Emphasize Training and Technology

Professional drivers face a multitude of risks on the road. Fleets are finding it essential to maintain an effective risk management strategy to help protect the safety of their employees while shielding businesses from liability.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: Daninhirsch, Hilary. "Fleets Use Risk Management Strategies That Emphasize Training, Technology" Transport Topics. March 1, 2021. www.ttnews.com

Company Vehicles Equal FMCSA Compliance Obligations

Before dismissing vehicles as exempt from the FMCSRs, you need to ensure that they really are according to the general definition of a CMV. This is a situation where many fleets — private and for-hire — get in trouble.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: Malchow, Rick. "Company Vehicles Equal FMCSA Compliance Obligations." Heavy Duty Trucking. March 1, 2021. www.truckinginfo.com

Upcoming UCR Events



March 11: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Teleconference

March 18: [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

March 25: [Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

April 1: [Finance Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

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

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

May 13: [Finance Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

June 7: [Subcommittee Meeting](#) (Audit, Education & Training, and Finance)
Teleconference

June 8: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Teleconference

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

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