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## 2021 UCR Registration Now Open

Registration for the 2021 UCR registration year is open, with [no fee changes](#) from the 2020 registration year. Registration for the 2019 registration year has closed (except for state audit purposes).

[Register Now](#)

For support or questions, call 1-833-UCR-PLAN or email [helpdesk@ucr.gov](mailto:helpdesk@ucr.gov).

## Begin 2021 UCR Enforcement January 1



UCR requests that states begin enforcement of 2021 UCR registration on January 1, 2021.

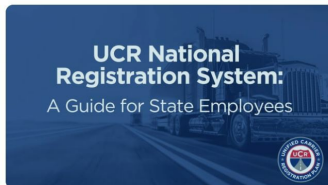
## Watch Out for this Email Scam

It has come our attention that an unauthorized third party has been fraudulently contacting people on behalf of former UCR staff members. These emails are generated outside of UCR-controlled systems and therefore cannot be prevented. In order to protect yourself from these illegal phishing attempts, please exercise caution when opening emails and attachments.

The most straightforward way to identify whether an email is legitimate is to make sure the email address in the "From" line ends in **@plan.ucr.gov** before opening the email or any attachments. Many spoofed emails will display a person's name but not come from that person's email address.

If you receive any suspicious emails imitating UCR staff members, please let us know immediately by emailing UCR Operations Manager [Daniel Choppa](#).

## Education and Training Spotlight: NRS



States rely on the admin portal of the National Registration System (NRS) to conduct administrative tasks such as tracking registrations and payments, emailing reminders to unregistered carriers, and conducting audits. UCR recently created a video guide to the NRS for state employees, which covers:

- Users and Passwords
- Registrations and Payments
- Suspensions
- Refunds
- Audits
- Reports
- Carrier Notification

If you're already familiar with some parts of the NRS but want to learn more about others, you can skip straight to a specific topic—or watch them all straight through if you're new to the system. [Go to the Education and Training Center](#) to watch the video.

[Watch Now](#)

## UCR Policy Spotlight: Pending Payments



When motor carriers, motor private carriers, brokers, freight forwarders or leasing companies register for UCR using the National Registration System (NRS), they have multiple options for how to pay their fees. The NRS includes online payment options, which require a convenience fee in addition to the registration fee. Registrants can avoid the convenience fee by mailing a check, but the UCR registration does not become active until the payment has been received and applied in the NRS. The time between when the online registration takes place and when the check is received and the registration activated in the NRS is called the “pending payment” period.

When a payment is made by mail, the funds are typically received and the registration made active fairly quickly. However, sometimes the payment is not received for a longer period of time. Under the current policy, the NRS automatically emails the registrant 30 days after they register, advising them that payment has not been received and the registration is not active. A second auto-generated e-mail is sent 45 days after registration. If payment has still not been received after 60 days, then the registration is canceled in the NRS and the registrant must restart the registration process.

A Pending Payments Report is available to administrative users in the NRS to help states monitor and manage these situations. Simply find “Reports” in the [admin portal of the NRS](#) and select the “Pending Payments” Report. This report shows state users all of the registrants whose UCR fee payments have not yet been received. UCR encourages states to utilize this report frequently and follow up with the registrants in their base state to

ensure timely receipt of payment and avoid situations that may have resulted in delayed or lost mail.

**Did you know?** UCR has a [brief training video](#) for state employees on how to run reports in the National Registration System.

*If you need further assistance with a refund request, please contact your base state or the UCR helpdesk at 1-833-UCR-PLAN or [helpdesk@ucr.gov](mailto:helpdesk@ucr.gov).*

## UCR Depository Update

The 2021 UCR registration period is open as of October 1, 2020. On or before November 16, 2020, participating states should expect to receive registration fees from October's registering motor carriers that have designated your state as their base state.

## Industry News

### Here's How to Apply to Join FMCSA's Driver Advisory Panel

Truck drivers can apply until Oct. 16 to serve on an advisory panel under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: "Here's how to apply to join FMCSA's driver advisory panel." TruckersNews. October 2, 2020. [www.truckersnews.com](http://www.truckersnews.com)

### Five Good Things That Happened in Trucking this Week – Oct. 2

The news isn't all bad. Here are five good things that happened in trucking the week of October 2.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: Conway, Catharine. "Five good things that happened in trucking this week." FleetOwner. October 2, 2020. [www.fleetowner.com](http://www.fleetowner.com)

## Upcoming UCR Events



**October 8:** [UCR Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*

**October 14:** [Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*

**October 15:** [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*

**November 5:** [UCR Board of Directors Meeting](#)

*Teleconference*

**November 19:** [Education and Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)  
*Teleconference*