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September 2021

Celebrating National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

In recognition of National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, September 12-18, 2021, UCR thanks the millions of truck drivers who help to keep the United States running. Throughout the pandemic and beyond, truck drivers continue to transport medical supplies, food and other essential products to communities across the country.

UCR Exhibits at CVSA Annual Conference



Thank you to everyone who visited UCR's exhibit booth at the [Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance \(CVSA\) Annual Conference and Exhibition](#), August 29-September 2, 2021, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, Delaware. UCR Executive Director Avelino Gutierrez (left), UCR Board Chair Elizabeth Leaman (center) and UCR Staff Matt Mantonie (right) answered attendees' questions about the Unified Carrier Registration Plan and how to enforce it. If you were unable to attend the CVSA Annual Conference or visit UCR's exhibit booth, the [Enforcement Training Module](#) in the UCR Education and Training Center can tell you what you need to know—including inter- vs. intrastate commerce, exemptions and common red flags.

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 Policy Spotlight: UCR Guidance for School Bus](#)

Operators

Correction: A clarification has been made in the last sentence of the Policy Spotlight.

UCR defines a commercial motor vehicle 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.

Generally, the UCR Act does not allow for exclusion of vehicles used in the intrastate transportation of passengers. **However, the Board has determined that a carrier primarily engaged in intrastate school-bus operations may exempt its intrastate school buses from its fleet count.**

Industry News

2021 National Truck Driver Appreciation Week

See how companies are showing their appreciation for truck drivers in this compilation of social media posts for National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, September 12-18, 2021.

[Read the Article](#)

"2021 National Truck Driver Appreciation Week." Transport Topics. August 30, 2021. www.ttnews.com.

FMCSA Adds Reporting Requirement with Extension of COVID HOS Waiver

Carriers are now required to report their use of the the emergency exemption waiving Part 395.3 (maximum driving time) of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

[Read the Article](#)

Source: "FMCSA adds reporting requirement with extension of COVID HOS waiver." Overdrive. August 31, 2021. www.overdriveonline.com

Upcoming UCR Events

2021

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 Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Savannah, GA

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

December 2: [Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

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

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

2022

January 20: [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference

January 27: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Teleconference

March 3: [Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Teleconference

March 10: [Audit Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Charleston, South Carolina

March 17: [Education & Training Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Scottsdale, Arizona

March 31: [Finance Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Teleconference