



International Registration Plan

What Is It?

- The International Registration Plan (IRP) is an agreement among 48 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 10 Canadian provinces which recognizes the registration of commercial motor vehicles registered by other jurisdictions. It provides for payment of apportioned licensing fees based on the total distance operated in all member jurisdictions.
 - Commercial motor vehicles weighing more than 26,000 pounds (11,794 kilograms), or having more than two axles either alone or in combination, and traveling into more than one jurisdiction are likely registered under IRP. Without this type of plate, they do not have reciprocity to travel into neighboring jurisdictions and would need to obtain a temporary registration permit to travel outside their home jurisdiction.
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Why Are We Members?

- According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, sanctioning the IRP (interstate) registrations of commercial motor vehicles is a powerful enforcement tool in deterring out-of-service carriers from operating on U.S. roadways.
 - In 1991, at the urging of motor carriers, the U.S. Congress enacted legislation (the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991) which mandated that all the states (except Alaska and Hawaii) join the IRP by 1996.
 - Prior to that, states and provinces had varying rules that allowed certain jurisdictions to travel through another with either reciprocity or a separate registration credential.
 - IRP facilitates the registration of over 2.4 million commercial motor vehicles in the U.S. and Canada and over 2 billion U.S. dollars in revenue for U.S. and Canadian jurisdictions each year. IRP helps to ensure a smooth registration process and strives to positively impact safe, efficient and effective operations for commercial motor vehicles in North America.
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The Plan

- Is a document containing rules for members to conduct the registration of commercial motor vehicles in a uniform manner and is not law, per se. The statutes of the individual jurisdictions give the members the actual authority to join the Plan, require vehicles to register, set registration fees, and enforce the Plan requirements.
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International Registration Plan, Inc. (IRP, Inc.)

- Is the official repository of the Plan, providing services, education and information needed to achieve optimum compliance and efficiency in registering vehicles involved in inter-jurisdictional commerce.
 - Is governed by a board of directors composed of administrators of the member jurisdictions. The board is advised by members of the motor carrier industry and by representatives of the U.S., Canadian, and Mexican federal governments.
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Fees and Credentials

- IRP fees are calculated on an apportioned basis, depending on the percentage of actual distance the fleet (rather than the individual vehicle being registered) traveled in each jurisdiction.
 - Each base jurisdiction transmits the fees it collects from its IRP registrants to the IRP Clearinghouse which distributes it to other IRP member jurisdictions, along with registrant and vehicle information from the IRP transactions.
 - Base jurisdictions issue a cab card and plate(s) for each IRP registered vehicle.
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Obligations and Requirements

- Member jurisdictions undergo peer reviews to ensure administrative and audit procedures comply with the Plan.
- In order to verify the collection of proper registration fees, each IRP member jurisdiction is required to audit an average of 3% of its registrants every year.
- Other member obligations include payment of annual dues, voting on ballot proposals, transmitting fees and data to other member jurisdictions, and enforcement of the Plan requirements.