

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services

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### **Missouri Intrastate Operating Authority**

#### **Who Needs Intrastate Operating Authority?**

All for-hire motor carriers transporting property or passengers in intrastate commerce (wholly within) are required to apply for authority to operate in Missouri.

#### **Why Do I Need Authority?**

The registration process promotes motor carrier safety and, because it requires continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

#### **Who Is Exempt from Intrastate Operating Authority Requirements?**

A complete list of exemptions can be found in [Missouri Revised Statute 390.030](#).

#### **I have interstate operating authority. Do I need intrastate operating authority too?**

Yes. Your interstate operating authority does not authorize intrastate commerce within Missouri.

#### **How do I get intrastate operating authority?**

To obtain intrastate operating authority, you must obtain a USDOT number, complete a MO-1 application and submit proof of insurance. An annual license fee of \$10 per power unit is required if a carrier is not required to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program. Carriers transporting passengers must also submit financial statements and a formal tariff of rates and charges.

If you have an account with MCS, you can file an MO-1 Application electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can fill out the Motor Carrier Application located on the MCS webpage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

#### **How do I maintain operating authority?**

Authorized carriers must obtain a yearly renewal license decal for all power units at a cost of \$10 per decal.

You can renew your annual license decal(s) through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can download a manual B-1R form to renew authority from the MO Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage: [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

Carriers who are required to participate in the Unified Carrier Registration program do not renew intrastate authority on an annual basis.

All authorized carriers must maintain proof of insurance (Form E) on file with MCS.

Carriers authorized to transport passengers or household goods must also submit an annual financial statement.

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### **If I lease my vehicles to a motor carrier what do I need to do?**

When the vehicle is leased, the lessee (motor carrier) is considered the operator of the vehicle. The lease should include the facts that the leased equipment is to be used solely by the lessee during the time of the lease and that the lessee controls the operation of the equipment including licensing, markings, insurance coverage, drivers, drivers' qualifications, drivers' hours of service and all related items to the same extent as if the lessee was the actual owner of the vehicle.

The lessee must accept responsibility to the public for any injury caused in the operation of leased equipment during the time of the lease, display appropriate vehicle markings and maintain and operate the leased equipment in accordance with state rules and regulations. When the lease is terminated, the lessee markings must be removed or done away with and the lease removed from the vehicle.

### **If I want to transport property or passengers for-hire across the state line, what do I need to do?**

You must register in the Unified Carrier Registration program and obtain Interstate Operating authority from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Contact the FMCSA toll-free at 1-800-832-5660 or register online at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov).

### **What are the minimum insurance requirements to operate for-hire?**

The minimum levels of bodily injury and property damage are:

#### Intrastate Passenger Service

1. Twelve passenger or less capacity: \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$300,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident;
2. More than twelve passenger capacity: \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$500,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident;

Intrastate Property-Nonhazardous - \$100,000 for injury or death of one person; \$300,000 for any one accident; \$50,000 property damage for any one accident.

Intrastate Property-Hazardous - \$5,000,000 (this limit applies only to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more.) For purposes of determining insurance requirements under this category, "hazardous" means:

1. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8 transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons;
2. Any quantity of Class 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosives;
3. Any quantity of Class 2.3 Hazard Zone A;
4. Any quantity of Class 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A; Class 7 radioactive materials in highway route controlled quantities as defined in 49 CFR 173.455;
5. Class 2.1 and 2.2 gases in tanks with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons.

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Intrastate Property-Hazardous - \$1,000,000 (this limit applies only to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more). For purposes of determining insurance requirements under this category, “hazardous” means:

1. Oil listed in 49 CFR172.101;
2. Hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances defined in 49 CFR 171.8 and listed in 19 CFR181.101, but not mentioned directly above or below the hazardous listings.

### **What form must be filed for proof of insurance?**

A Form E (Bodily Injury and Property Damage Certificate Insurance) or a Form G (Uniform Motor Carrier Bodily Injury and Property Damage Surety Bond) must be filed for for-hire intrastate hauling. Your insurance company will make this filing for you.

### **I am a private carrier hauling only my own goods in and through the state of Missouri. Do I need to register private carriage authority with your state?**

Private carriers hauling intrastate do not need to register for intrastate operating authority. Private carriers involved in interstate commerce must register under the Unified Carrier Registration program

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### **International Fuel Tax Agreement**

#### **When do I need an International Fuel Tax license and decal?**

You are required to have an IFTA license if you operate in two or more jurisdictions and the power unit:

- Has two axles and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight of 26,001 lbs. or higher;
- Has three or more axles regardless of weight; or
- Is used in combination and the said combination is 26,001 lbs or higher.

#### **What forms and supporting documents are required prior to applying for a Missouri IFTA license and decals?**

You must have a Missouri-issued license plate and must complete the Missouri IFTA application.

If your company is incorporated and/or operates under a fictitious name, it must be properly registered with Missouri Secretary of State's Office at [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov) before you submit an IFTA application. Be certain that the name on the IFTA application matches the registered name exactly.

#### **Who is exempt from IFTA?**

Recreational vehicles are exempt from IFTA requirements. In order to qualify as a recreational vehicle, a motor home, pickup truck with an attached camper, or a bus must be used only for personal pleasure by an individual and cannot be used in connection with any business endeavor.

#### **How can I apply for an IFTA license and decals?**

Complete the Motor Carrier Application located at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs) or call MoDOT Motor Carrier Services at 1-866-831-6277 and select Option 2 to receive a copy by mail.

How long are an IFTA license and decals valid?

The IFTA license and decals are valid for a calendar year, January 1 to December 31.

#### **How much does an IFTA license and set of decals cost?**

Missouri does not charge for an IFTA license or decals. However, it is important to request only as many decals as you will use. The number of decals issued must reconcile with the number of trucks licensed. IFTA license holders are subject to audit review.

#### **I've added to my fleet. How do I order additional IFTA decals?**

You can order more decals by through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce). Select IFTA Supplement, and then click on Additional/Replacement Decals.

#### **How often must I file IFTA fuel tax returns?**

You must file a return and pay applicable fuel taxes each calendar quarter:

<b>QUARTER</b>	<b>REPORTING PERIOD</b>	<b>DUE DATE (on or before)</b>
1	January – March	April 30
2	April – June	July 31
3	July – September	October 31
4	October – December	January 31

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### **How and when do I receive quarterly fuel tax returns?**

Postcards are mailed at the end of each quarter to remind carriers to go to MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce) to file online. Those who do not have a computer can request a paper tax return and the current tax rate chart by calling Motor Carrier Services at 1-866-831-6277; then select Option 2. Returns must be complete and applicable taxes paid by the due date to avoid interest and penalty charges.

### **Must I file a quarterly fuel tax return if I didn't run during the quarter?**

Yes. If your truck(s) didn't run, you must file a No Operation return. Both the online and paper forms have a checkbox called "no operation". Check that box. Access MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce) to enter the report. Those without computers can call Motor Carrier Services at 1-866-831-6277; then select Option 2 to request the form. "No operation" forms must be completed and returned (in the case of paper forms) by the quarterly due date to avoid penalty charges.

### **Do I need to file a quarterly fuel tax return when I am leased and operating under the lessee's IFTA license?**

Yes, you must file a "NO OPERATION" return when you have a current IFTA license and decal issued in your name and you ran under a lessee's IFTA license whose return will include the miles you travelled and gallons of fuel that you purchased. If you continue to lease, you can send a letter to Motor Carrier Services requesting cancellation of your IFTA license.

### **What is a tax paid gallon purchase?**

Any gallon of fuel purchased that had tax paid at the pump. The purchase must be supported by a detailed fuel receipt unless the fuel was removed from a metered bulk storage tank containing tax-paid fuel you used in your qualified motor vehicles for the particular quarter.

### **What miles are non-taxable?**

Fuel trip permit miles are not taxable miles in any jurisdiction. Include fuel permit miles in the return's total miles section but do not include them in the taxable miles for the jurisdiction that issued the permit. Toll miles are taxable miles; toll fees are not fuel taxes. They are fees in exchange for the opportunity to use a toll road.

### **How long do I need to retain my IFTA records?**

You must maintain records to support the information reported on your quarterly tax returns for a period of four years from the due date of the return or the date you filed the return, whichever is later.

### **How can I have credits applied to my quarterly return tax invoices?**

Call MoDOT Motor Carrier Services at 1-866-831-6277; then select Option 4. Make the request for credit before you pay any portion of a quarterly tax invoice.

### **How do I request refund of credits on my account?**

If you have \$10 or more in credits, submit a signed, written request or check the Refund box on the paper version of the quarterly return tax form. Refunds are made only after all tax liabilities, including audit assessments, have been satisfied with all IFTA member jurisdictions. Approved refunds are paid within 90 days after receipt of a request.

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### **How long will credits remain on my account?**

Credits not used or requested to be refunded are void after eight calendar quarters.

### **How and when do I renew my IFTA license and decals?**

In November, MoDOT renews the IFTA licenses of all carriers whose accounts are in active status. You will receive an IFTA license, decals and a Fleet Information Sheet. Review the information sheet for accuracy. If corrections are needed, mail the sheet to MoDOT Motor Carrier Services. **EXAMPLE:** If your business address changed, correct it on the sheet, return the sheet to MoDOT and you will receive a corrected IFTA license.

### **What if I didn't want to renew my IFTA license but I received one for the new license year?**

Write CANCEL and a brief reason for the cancellation on the Fleet Information Sheet and return the form, license and decals to MoDOT Motor Carrier Services.

### **I have an IFTA license and both a diesel and gasoline unit. Do I have to file a tax return on both fuel types?**

Yes, you must file a separate return each calendar quarter for each fuel type indicated on your initial or renewal application even when no miles were accrued that quarter.

### **I no longer travel out of Missouri and do not need an IFTA license. How do I close my account?**

You must file a final IFTA tax return for the quarter in which you ceased operating outside of the State of Missouri. You can file this return online, then send a letter requesting cancellation, or submit a paper tax return and check the box next to CANCEL Fleet. Your IFTA account will be closed when all taxes are paid in full.

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### When do I need apportioned plates (IRP)?

You are required to have apportioned plates if you operate in two or more jurisdictions and your vehicle(s) meet one or more of the following requirements:

- the power unit licensing weight is 26,001 lbs., or higher;
- the power unit has more than two axles regardless of licensed weight;
- the power unit is used in combination and the said combination is 26,001 lbs. or higher; or
- the power unit performs commercial intrastate movements in another jurisdiction other than Missouri, regardless of licensed weight.

### What forms and supporting documents are required to get an apportioned plate?

- Motor Carrier Application (can be found at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs))
- Secretary of State Corporation or Fictitious Name papers (if applicable)
- Title or validated titling receipt
- Lease agreement, if leased
- Heavy highway vehicle use tax receipt (IRS-form 2290) for power units being licensed at 55,000 lbs. or higher
- Missouri county personal property tax receipt or tax waiver for the current year
- Actual miles traveled in each jurisdiction, during current reporting period, with an apportioned plate regardless of the base jurisdiction.

### How may I apply for apportioned plates?

- by mail – MoDOT Motor Carrier Services, PO Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0270
- by fax – (573) 751-0916
- in person – 830 MoDOT Dr , Jefferson City, MO 65102
- by email – [contactmcs@modot.mo.gov](mailto:contactmcs@modot.mo.gov)

### How long is an apportioned plate good?

Missouri's apportioned plates must be renewed every year.

A license plate's renewal date depends on when the plate was issued. The registration period is listed on the cab card. There are four:

January 1 – December 31*
April 1 – March 31*
July 1 – June 30*
October 1 – September 30*
*last business day of the month

### When do I need papers from the Secretary of State Office?

Before applying for plates under a corporation name or business name, the same name must be registered with the Missouri Secretary of State Office at [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov)

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### **What is acceptable as proof of ownership (title)?**

We can accept a copy of the validated title receipt (DOR-108) that proves an application for title was made at the Department of Motor Vehicles or a license fee office. We can also accept a copy of the issued title.

MoDOT Motor Carrier Services will not accept a title that is signed over on the back.

### **When do I need to supply a copy of a lease agreement?**

Any time the name on the title differs from the name of the registrant who is applying for license plate(s), a lease agreement that identifies the unit(s) involved by year, make, and vehicle identification number (VIN) must be submitted. It must bear both parties' signatures.

### **When do I need a paid Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Receipt (IRS-Form 2290)?**

Any time you license or renew the license of a power unit with a weight of 55,000 lbs. or more.

### **What is acceptable as a paid Heavy Highway Vehicle Use Tax Receipt (IRS-Form 2290)?**

MoDOT accepts:

- a copy of the "IRS-Form/2290 Schedule I" that lists all VIN's stamped "Received" by the IRS;
- a copy of the "IRS-Form/2290 Schedule I" that lists all VIN's AND a copy of the front and back of the cancelled check;
- a copy of the electronic filing (e-File) that lists all VINs and the IRS watermark; or
- proof that the unit in question was purchased within the last 60 days

### **What is considered a "current year" county personal property tax receipt and/or tax waiver for Missouri?**

A current year tax receipt is usually one year prior to the current license year. (e.g. the 2014 license year requires a 2013 personal property tax receipt or tax waiver)

### **Whose Missouri county personal property tax receipt is required?**

Generally, the required tax receipt is in the name of the registrant/applicant who is applies for or renews license plates. However, in some cases when the unit is leased and the owner is a Missouri resident, the tax receipt will be under the owner's name and a copy of the owner's Missouri county personal property tax receipt must be submitted.

### **What forms of payment are acceptable for an apportioned plate?**

Cash, personal or company check, e-check, cashier's check, debit card, credit card, money order, and bank-to bank transfers are accepted. The companies that process e-check and debit and credit card transactions charge a processing fee.

### **How do I receive my plate(s) and cab card(s)?**

After all requirements have been satisfied, including payment for the registration, all plates and cab cards will be shipped through a commercial delivery service.

If you apply for registration in person and you have met all requirements, you may pick up your plate(s) and cab card(s) as you leave the office.

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### How and when do I renew my plate(s) and cab card(s)?

Missouri has permanent plates, so a new cab card is generally all that is issued during the annual renewal.

Carriers receive a renewal postcard in the mail every year. It is a reminder to renew license plate registration. MoDOT encourages carriers to use MoDOT Carrier Express ([www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce)), available 24/7 to file a renewal application.

Application (including supporting documents) and payment deadlines differ by two months. Penalties apply to carriers who file and/or pay for renewal after the deadline passes. Save time and money by renewing and paying on time.

Registration Period	File By	Pay By	Plate Expires
January 1 to December 31	October 1*	December 1*	December 31
April 1 to March 31	January 1*	March 1*	March 31
July 1 to June 30	April 1*	June 1*	June 30
October 1 to September 30	August 1*	September 1*	September 30
	Late filing penalty = \$100	Late Payment penalty = \$50 per truck, to a maximum of \$150 *First business day of the month	

### How do I add, transfer, delete, and make changes, etc. to my established account?

Refer to the IRP tab on the [MoDOT.org/mcs](http://MoDOT.org/mcs) under User Guides for filing – Online Instructions. Look for links to the appropriate topic. When you wish to delete a vehicle, the apportioned plate must be returned to our office. If surrendering at 60,001 lbs. or more, MoDOT refunds any remaining Missouri quarters of registration. When returning an apportioned plate to our office for any reason, please include a cover sheet with the account number and the reason you are sending the plate. There are many reasons why plates are sent to our office, so without clear direction we will call you.

### Who is authorized to conduct business with Motor Carrier Services for me?

Business conducted with MoDOT Motor Carrier Services by phone, mail, or electronically may only be transacted by authorized individuals.

If an individual transacting business with Motor Carrier Services is not the listed owner, they may transact business if they are:

- Listed as a contact in the MoDOT Carrier Express system, or
- Listed as a company officer of a corporation with the Secretary of State, or
- Listed as a member or manager of a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) with the Secretary of State, or
- Authorized on US Department of Transportation documentation, or
- Provide written proof of Power of Attorney

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### Hazardous Waste

#### **Who needs a Hazardous Waste Transporter License?**

All carriers who transport hazardous waste, used oil, or infectious waste in Missouri are required to have a hazardous waste transporter license.

#### **Why do I need a License to transport Hazardous Waste in Missouri?**

The Hazardous Waste Transporter License helps ensure environmental protection through proper disposal of waste. The registration process also promotes motor carrier safety and, because it requires continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

#### **How do I get a Hazardous Waste Transporter License in Missouri?**

If you have an account with MCS you can file an HW-1 Application electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can download a manual HW-1 Application and Instructions from the Hazardous Waste Transporters tab of the MCS homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

The license is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

#### **How much does a Hazardous Waste Transporter License Cost?**

The fee for a Hazardous Waste Transporter License is a calculated based upon the total licensed vehicle weight of all power units, the percentage of Missouri miles traveled, the percentage of hazardous waste shipments and a calculated user fee.

The minimum license fee is \$200; the maximum license fee is \$25,000.

#### **How do I renew my Hazardous Waste Transporter License?**

Your Hazardous Waste Transporter License is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

You can file a renewal electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can download a manual HW-1 Application and Instructions from the Hazardous Waste Transporters tab of the MCS homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

To ensure timely renewal, file at least 60 days prior to your expiration date.

Current proof of insurance must be maintained to keep your Hazardous Waste Transporter License in good standing.

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### **How do I add vehicles, replace vehicles, or request a temporary throughout the year on my Hazardous Waste Transporter License?**

You can add vehicles, replace vehicles or request a temporary throughout the year by completing an HW-2 Application.

You can file an HW-2 Application electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce)

#### **OR**

You can download a manual HW-2 Application from the Hazardous Waste Transporters tab of the MCS homepage: [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

### **Am I still required to report to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources too?**

Yes. The Hazardous Waste Transporter License does not take the place of any required reporting or registrations to other state or federal agencies.

### **What are the insurance liability requirements for a Hazardous Waste Transporter License?**

\$5,000,000 (this limit applies only to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or more.) For purposes of determining insurance requirements under this category, "hazardous" means:

1. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8 transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons;
2. Any quantity of Class 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 explosives;
3. Any quantity of Class 2.3 Hazard Zone A;
4. Any quantity of Class 6.1, Packing Group I, Hazard Zone A; Class 7 radioactive materials in highway route controlled quantities as defined in 49 CFR 173.455;

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### Unified Carrier Registration

#### Who is required to register for UCR?

The UCR Agreement applies to the following types of operations of passenger and property transportation in interstate commerce:

1. Motor carrier;
2. Motor private carrier of property;
3. Freight forwarder;
4. Broker; and
5. Leasing company

#### How do I register for UCR?

The Unified Carrier Registration is good for one calendar year. UCR must be renewed annually.

If you have an account with MCS you can register for UCR electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce). (Click [here](#) for instructions to file electronically)

#### **OR**

You can download a manual UCR Application and Instructions from the UCR tab of the MCS homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

#### How much does UCR cost?

The cost of UCR is determined by the number of commercial motor vehicles used.

# of CMV's	Fee
0-2	\$76
3-5	\$227
6-20	\$452
21-100	\$1,576
101-1,000	\$7,511
1,001 or more	\$73,346

#### Where does MCS get the number of commercial motor vehicles on my renewal form?

The information is taken from the number of commercial motor vehicles listed on the last MCS-150/MCSA-1 form you submitted with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

You can update your vehicle count listed with the FMCSA online at [www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/fmcsa-registration-website-updates](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/fmcsa-registration-website-updates).

#### Can I subtract commercial motor vehicles from my count that I only use in intrastate commerce?

Yes. If you have specific vehicles that are used in intrastate commerce only, you may subtract them from your commercial motor vehicle count. If you subtract intrastate only vehicles, you must complete a UCR-1 form with identification information of the units being subtracted.

The UCR 1 Form can be found on the UCR tab of the MCS Homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

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### **Can I use the number of commercial vehicles owned and operated in the 12 month period ending June 30 instead of the last reported MCS-150/MCSA-1 Form?**

Yes. If you elect to use the number of vehicles owned and operated for the 12 month reporting period ending June 30 instead of the last reported MCS-150, you must complete a UCR-2 form identifying those units.

The UCR 2 Form can be found on the UCR tab of the MCS Homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

### **Do I count short-term leased equipment in my CMV count?**

You must include equipment with a lease of 30 days or more.

### **Do I get a receipt or a credential that is required to be carried in my truck?**

No. States may issue you a receipt as proof of payment. However, UCR compliance is verified electronically.

### **How can I tell if I have paid UCR?**

You can verify that your UCR records are up-to-date through FMCSA's Safety and Fitness Electronic Records system - also known as SAFER. This is the same system that law enforcement checks when determining compliance with UCR.

Simply go to [www.safersys.org](http://www.safersys.org) and click on the **Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)** link under the FMCSA Searches heading. Enter your USDOT number and registration and a payment indicator will appear for each year of your participation.

### **I operated in previous years and had a valid USDOT number, but never paid UCR fees. Should I register for those years also?**

Yes. If you operated and had a valid USDOT number, you should pay fees for the past three registration years.

Roadside enforcement reviews records and may issue citations for a three-year period of non-payment of UCR fees.

### **Are farmers transporting their own goods in interstate commerce required to file and pay UCR?**

Yes. There are no exceptions to filing UCR.

### **I Have an MC Number. Do I need to file and pay UCR too?**

Yes. Your interstate operating authority does not take the place of UCR.

### **What is the money collected through UCR used for?**

The fees collected through the UCR program are used to fund state motor carrier safety programs and enforcement.

### **Are Missouri carriers required to register UCR in other states?**

No. UCR is a base state system. Your registration through Missouri is good in all states.

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### Waste Tire

#### **Who needs a Waste Tire Transporter Permit?**

All carriers who transport waste tires for profit within Missouri are required to obtain a Waste Tire Transporter Permit.

#### **Who is exempt from obtaining a Waste Tire Transporter Permit in Missouri?**

1. A person who does not haul for consideration (monetary or non-monetary compensation) or commercial profit.
2. A person hauling warranty tires or new defective tires to the retailer, wholesaler or manufacturer for adjustment credit or return.
3. A person hauling scrap tires which have been generated at his/her own business or residence, provided that this transportation is done using their own employees and vehicles.

#### **Why do I need a Permit to transport Waste Tires in Missouri?**

The Waste Tire Transporter Permit helps ensure environmental protection through proper disposal of waste.

#### **How do I get a Waste Tire Transporter Permit in Missouri?**

If you have an account with MCS you can file an HW-1 Application electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can download a manual HW-1 Application and Instructions from the Hazardous Waste Transporters tab of the MCS homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

The license is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

#### **How much does a Waste Tire Transporter Permit Cost?**

The fee for a Waste Tire Transporter Permit is \$100 annually.

#### **How do I renew my Waste Tire Transporter Permit?**

Your Waste Tire Transporter Permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. Renewal can be obtained by filling out an HW-1 Application.

You can file a renewal electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can download a manual HW-1 Application and Instructions from the Hazardous Waste Transporters tab of the MCS homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs)

To ensure timely renewal, file at least 60 days prior to your expiration date.

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### **How do I add vehicles or replace vehicles throughout the year on my Waste Tire Transporter Permit?**

You can add vehicles or replace vehicles throughout the year by completing an HW-2 Application.

You can file an HW-2 Application electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce)

**OR**

You can download a manual HW-2 Application from the Hazardous Waste Transporters tab of the MCS homepage: [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

### **Am I still required to report to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources too?**

Yes. The Waste Tire Transporter Permit does not take the place of any required reporting or registrations to other state or federal agencies.

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### Housemover License

#### **Who needs a Housemover License?**

All carriers who move a house for-hire on the public highways of Missouri need a Housemover license.

#### **Why do I need a License to move a house?**

The registration process promotes motor carrier safety and, because it requires continuous filing of insurance, their economic health.

#### **What is considered a house?**

Missouri law defines a house as a dwelling or other structure intended for human habitat in excess of fourteen feet in width. A house does not include a manufactured home or a modular unit.

#### **How do I get a Housemover License?**

To obtain a Housemover License you must complete a HML-1 and HML-2 application.

If you have an account with MCS, you can file an HML-1 and HML-2 Application electronically through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can download a manual HML-1 and HML-2 Application and Instructions from the MO Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

The license is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

#### **How much does a Housemover License Cost?**

The fee for a Housemover License is \$100 annually.

#### **How do I renew my Housemover License?**

Your Housemover License is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

You can renew your license through MoDOT Carrier Express at [www.modot.org/mce](http://www.modot.org/mce).

#### **OR**

You can download a manual HML-1 and HML-2 form to renew from the MO Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage: [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

To ensure timely renewal, file at least 60 days prior to your expiration date.

#### **How do I add vehicles or replace vehicles throughout the year on my Housemover License?**

You can add vehicles, replace vehicles or request a temporary throughout the year by completing an HML-2 Application.

You can download a HML-2 Application from the MO Operating Authority tab of the MCS homepage: [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs).

#### **Am I still required to obtain an Oversize/Overweight permit too?**

Yes. The Housemover License does not take the place of additional state or federal requirements.

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### **Do I need to update my Housemover License for every move?**

No. The Housemover License is valid for one year from the date of issuance. The number of movements throughout the license year is unlimited.

### **Do I need Intrastate Operating Authority too?**

If you are transporting a house outside of a commercial zone, you must obtain intrastate operating authority in addition to the Housemover License.

### **What are the insurance liability requirements to obtain a Housemover License?**

A Housemover must have a minimum liability limit of \$500,000 for bodily injury and property damage, minimum liability of \$100,000 cargo insurance, AND minimum liability limit of \$2 million certificate of liability.

### **What insurance forms are accepted by Motor Carrier Services?**

A Housemover License applicant must have a Form E or G (proof of bodily injury or property damage), Form H or J (proof of cargo) AND an Acord Certificate of Insurance. Your insurance company will make these filings for you.

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### Oversize Overweight (OSOW)

#### How can I apply for permits on-line?

New customers must complete the Motor Carrier Application and obtain a username and password assigned by Motor Carrier Services. You can fill out the Motor Carrier Application located on the MCS webpage at [www.modot.org/mcs](http://www.modot.org/mcs). On-line applications may be submitted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For information or to order a permit, call 1- 800-877-8499 or (573) 751-7100.

#### How do I pay for permits?

You may pay on-line by using MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, electronic check or deposit money into escrow account. This service allows you to order permits, check your account balance and see all activities on your account.

#### What is the maximum size and weight Missouri will routinely permit?

Width: 16 feet

Height: 16 feet

Length: 150 feet overall length – 60 feet single unit

Weight:

AXLES	MAXIMUM WEIGHT
Tandem weight	46,000 lbs
Quadrum weight	72,000 lbs
5 axles (1-2-2)	104,000 lbs
6 axles (less than 51')	112,000 lbs
6 axles (1-2-3)	120,000 lbs
6 axles (1-2-2-1) (greater than 65')	120,000 lbs
7 axles (1-2-4) (alt configuration)	130,000 lbs
7 axles (1-3-3)	132,000 lbs
7 axles (1-2-3-1 & 1-3-2-1)	138,000 lbs
7 axles (1-2-2-2)	150,000 lbs
8 axles (1-3-4)	144,000 lbs
8 axles (all other configurations)	160,000 lbs
9 axles (1-4-4)	156,000 lbs
9 axles (other configurations)	160,000 lbs
10, 11 and 12 axles	160,000 lbs

#### What is legal in Missouri?

Width: 8 feet 6 inches on all Missouri highways.

Height: 13 feet 6 inches on all Missouri highways. The exceptions are on interstates, the designated and primary highway system or within 10 air miles of these where the legal height is 14 feet.

Weight: 80,000 lbs. (40 tons) on Missouri highways. However, there are bridges posted for less than 40 ton on state highways. All bridge load postings must be complied with.

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Length: There is no overall length restriction for a tractor / semi-trailer combination on interstate and the designated highway system or within 10 air miles of these. However, in a tractor / semi-trailer combination, the trailer including load cannot exceed 53 feet.

When more than 10 miles from interstate or designated highway system, a tractor/semi-trailer combination may not exceed an overall length of 60 feet. Legal length for single unit is 45 feet.

### How can I obtain a Missouri permit?

Permits may be obtained on-line, by telephone, mail or in person by visiting the Central Office in Jefferson City or one of our 6 Regional Offices listed below. Faxed applications will **NOT** be accepted.

- Central Office:** 830 MoDOT Dr., Jefferson City, MO  
800-877-8499 or 573-751-7100
- Northwest:** 3602 N. Belt Highway, St. Joseph, MO 64502  
816-387-2350
- Northeast:** Highway 61 South, Hannibal, MO 63401  
573-248-2490
- Kansas City:** 600 Northeast Colbern Road, Lee's Summit, MO 64064-8002  
816-622-6500
- St. Louis:** MoDOT Transportation Management Center  
14301 South Outer 40 Road, Town and Country, MO 63017  
314-340-4100
- Southwest:** 3025 E Kearney, Springfield, MO 65801  
417-895-7600
- Southeast:** 201 North Main Street, Sikeston, MO 63801  
573-472-5333

### What is considered a superload in Missouri?

- Width:** Over 16 feet
- Height:** Over 16 feet
- Length:** Over 150 feet overall length
- Weight:** Over 160,000 lbs. gross

### What is the procedure for obtaining a superload?

Missouri requires on-line, faxed or mailed superload application and the permits are only issued through the Central Office. Turnaround time is approximately two weeks. Once the application is received in the MCS Office, a structure analysis and feasibility study is done to ensure that bridges and roadways can withstand the load capacity before issuance.

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### When can I travel?

For oversize loads, travel is limited to one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Continuous movement is allowed for loads that are only overweight. Additional curfews apply in the Lake of the Ozark, Branson, Kansas City and St. Louis areas. Movement is further restricted for loads exceeding certain dimensions. Refer to the complete regulations for details.

### When do I need an escort?

For routine moves, no escort is required for loads up to and including 12'4" in width. One escort is required on the interstate and designated route system for loads over 12'4" to 14' wide. This escort shall be in the rear on dual-lane, divided, or multi-lane pavement and in the front on two-lane pavement. Travel on routes off interstate and designated route system requires one front and one rear escort. One rear escort is required on the interstate and other divided highways for loads over 14' and up to 16' wide. One front and one rear escort required on all multi-lane undivided and two-lane highways. A rear escort is required when the vehicle and load length exceed 90' for a combination unit on all highways except divided highways. A height detection vehicle is required to precede overheight loads exceeding 15'6".

### How much does a permit cost?

Single Trip – legal weight	\$15.00
Single Trip – overweight	\$15.00 plus \$20.00 for each ten thousand pounds in excess of legal gross weight
Single Trip in excess of 16' wide, 16' high or 150' long	\$15.00 plus \$250.00 movement feasibility fee
Single Trip in excess of 160,000 lbs gross weight	\$15.00 plus \$20.00 for each ten thousand pounds in excess of legal gross weight plus bridge and roadway analysis fee of \$425.00 for each permit for moves from 0-50 miles in length; \$625.00 for 51-200 miles; \$925 for over 200 miles
Annual Blanket – single commodity	\$128.00
Annual Blanket – well drillers & concrete pump trucks	\$300.00
Annual Blanket – multiple commodity	\$400.00
Annual Blanket – emergency response	\$624.00

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### What type of Annual Blanket Permits are available?

Blanket Permits are available for up to and including 12'4" in width and 150' in overall length depending on commodity being hauled.

Available legal weight blankets are as follows:

- Mobile Home
- Pipes
- Poles
- Beams
- Hay
- Farm Implement
- Missouri National Guard
- Construction Equipment
- Implement of Husbandry
- Multiple Commodity
- Poles (Utility Co / Coops)
- Like Object (i.e. boat, trusses, portable buildings)
- 100 Mile Radius – for farmers and farm implement dealers up to 14'6" wide
- LCV – Longer Combination Vehicle – for travel to and from locations within 20 miles of the western border

Available overweight blankets:

- Emergency Response
- Concrete Pump Truck
- Well Drill Rig

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