

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATORS



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Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Update:

The new UCR Board of Directors met October 11, 2006, in Washington, DC, to continue to develop the UCR Agreement, the UCR Plan, UCR Fee Structure and other work related to the development and implementation of the UCR.

General discussions took place on determining how UCR will work. There were also two key decisions made. The following summary of those discussions and the decisions made:

DECISION: It was decided that when the new proposed fee structure is adopted by the Board and sent to the US DOT for approval, there must be a one vehicle fee block. The UCR Board voted to require that the new proposed fee structure contain a zero to one vehicle fee category.

DECISION: The UCR Board now requires jurisdictions that intend to participate in the UCR for the 2007 year to submit a state plan by November 1, 2006.

If your jurisdiction intends to participate and collect fees under the UCR in 2007, you will need to complete and submit your state plan to FMCSA by November 1, 2006. For a copy of the state plan format, please visit the AAMVA website at (enter website address location) or contact Tim Adams tadams@aamva.org and he can email you a copy.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- **Need for outreach/education:**

There is a need for a major educational outreach effort to the motor carrier industry. Many motor carriers who were not affected by the Single State Registration System (SSRS) will be affected by the UCR. All motor carriers who operate in interstate commerce will be required to comply with the UCR if they operate in jurisdictions participating in the program. Many of these carriers are unaware and therefore there will need to be an education process developed to properly inform all motor carriers.

- **Possible changes to MCMIS to capture UCR:**

Currently, FMCSA is reviewing possible changes that would be required to incorporate a UCR flag or verification data in the current MCMIS system. This would assist with the enforcement of the UCR by providing a data system with carrier data and an indicator to show if the carrier has paid UCR fees for the current year.

- **Sub-committees of the UCR Board:**

There are several subcommittees which are working on various issues of the UCR:

- **Procedures Subcommittee** - is working on the UCR Agreement:
 - Has developed a Draft UCR Agreement that has been put out for comment to the UCR Board. The Board will take up discussions on the Agreement at the November Board meeting and may vote to move it forward.
- **Revenue & Fees Subcommittee** - is working to develop the proposed fee structure
 - Continues to work on developing a proposed fee structure to present to the USDOT for approval. The Board has asked the Subcommittee to provide a recommendation on the fee structure at the November Board meeting.
- **Systems Subcommittee** - is working on developing a document on system needs and IT requirements.
- **Industry Advisory Committee** - will serve as a conduit with industry
- **Depository Subcommittee** - will make recommendations on how the UCR depository will function and how funds will flow into and out of such depository

Repeal of SSRS:

The issue of a delay in the repeal of SSRS is still up in the air at this point. The language to do this is still in the Senate appropriations bill that will not be taken up until after the November elections. At this point, we don't have a clear picture of just what might happen. Please stay tuned as we continue to follow the developments and we will be sure to communicate updates as we know them.

There are still many unanswered questions with respect to the rulemaking process and just how that whole process must work, but along with representatives from FMCSA, the UCR Board is working through the process.

The next meeting of the UCR Board is November 7 – 8, 2006 at the Hilton Hotel, Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Please visit the AAMVA web site at www.aamva.org for information on the UCR and many other programs currently going on. To go directly to the Motor Carrier Services portion of the web site to find the most recent information we have on UCR and other MCS programs, you can go straight to it at <http://www.aamva.org/KnowledgeCenter/Vehicle/MotorCarriers/>.

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