

VEHICLE & MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember



**International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)
IFTA Third quarter
2019 tax return filing and payment
deadline is Thursday, October 31, 2019**

Effective Immediately:

If you are deleting any units on your renewal regardless of plate type (permanent or annual), **you do not need to return the plates**. However, if plates are not destroyed, they will be added back on to your fleet and you will be responsible for all fees assessed at that time.

September 2019

September 30: IRP renewal filing deadline.

October 2019

October 31: Third quarter IFTA tax return filing and payment deadline.

IRP renewal filing deadline.

November 2019

November 1: 2020 IFTA decals may now be displayed.

November 11: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Veterans Day Holiday.

Anticipated release of new IRP/IFTA system.

November 28 & 29: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

November 30: IRP renewal filing deadline.

December 2019

December 1: Iowa will begin issuing permanent plates to all carriers with nonpermanent plates and whose renewal month is January.

December 25: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Christmas Holiday.

December 31: IRP renewal filing deadline.

2019 IFTA decals expire. 2020 IFTA renewal must be submitted or received in our office for processing.

January 2020

January 1: Iowa DOT offices are closed for New Years Holiday.

Iowa DOT will issue permanent plates to **all** carriers with nonperm plates.

January 31: Fourth quarter IFTA tax return filing and payment deadline.

IRP renewal filing deadline.

February 2020

February 1: Iowa DOT will issue permanent plates to **all** carriers with nonperm plates.

February 29: IRP Renewal Filing deadline.

2020 IFTA decals must be displayed.

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IFTA Quarterly Return Filing/Payment Deadline Dates

- Q1 - April 1
- Q2 - July 31
- **Q3 - October 31**
- Q4 - January 31

2020 UCR Registration Delayed

The start of the 2020 UCR registration period is delayed until further notice.

For updates on the registration date watch our website or go to plan.ucr.gov.

WHAT'S NEW?

Apportion Plate Changes

Beginning with the 2021 registration year, Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services (VMCS) will no longer issue apportioned plates that require an annual decal, and will only issue permanent apportioned plates that do not require decals. This change is being made in response to a ballot measure passed by the members of the International Registration Plan (IRP) requiring jurisdictions to accept an electronic image of a cab card.

By issuing only permanent plates that do not require an annual sticker, you, the customer, will no longer need to wait for credentials to arrive in the mail, unless a new plate, is being issued or you request the credentials be printed and mailed. You will also have the ability to reprint credentials from the system, instead of having to order duplicates and waiting for the new credentials to arrive in the mail.

Beginning immediately VMCS is issuing permanent plates to all new carriers and all new vehicles added to existing fleets. VMCS is also encouraging all existing carriers with nonpermanent plates to replace them with permanent plates during renewal time. Once payment and all necessary documents are received, the credentials will be emailed or faxed, unless a new plate is being issued.

All customers who are still in possession of annual plates at their 2021 renewal period will automatically be converted to permanent plates by issuing a permanent decal to cover the space where the annual sticker would normally be placed. Customers will also have the option of requesting a new plate.

For more information on this, you can visit our website at: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers>

Email addresses and the new Clear Fleet System

- Everyone who currently has an IFTA and/or IRP account will **need** to have a valid email address. All new IFTA, IRP and Transit accounts will also need to have a valid email address. The new system will not allow the same email address on multiple accounts, and will send a confirmation email to validate the email that has been entered.

What if I don't have an email address?

- If you do not have a valid email address, you will need to create one.



There's a new IRP & IFTA system coming to Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services

Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services (VMCS) is getting a new IRP & IFTA processing system, and will also include Transit quarterly fuel tax reporting.

The new system, Clear Fleet, will be hosted by Iteris. Iteris has more than two decades of experience assisting regional, state and national agencies plan, design, deploy, integrate and operate advanced transportation technologies in a manner that facilitates motor carrier safety. Iteris offers additional opportunities to scale the solution to meet Iowa DOT's long-term needs.

Clear Fleet's anticipated go live date for all external customers is **Monday, Nov. 11, 2019**. VMCS anticipates holding training sessions prior to the go live date, but currently does not have any times set.

The Iowa DOT is excited to be working with Iteris on this new system, and has worked hard to make it user friendly for everyone who processes IFTA, IRP and Transit online.

For updates, please visit our website at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers>.

ClearFleet's anticipated go live date is Monday, Nov. 11, 2019

2020 IFTA Renewal On-line Processing Timeline

As stated above, VMCS is anticipating the transition to a new system in November, because of this, VMCS is delaying the start of online processing for the 2020 IFTA renewals to Nov. 11, 2019.

Renewal fees are \$.50 for each set of decals needed.

You may only order the number of decals equal to the number of vehicles in your fleet.

Reminders

IRP credential information and reporting periods

1. If you have permanent or annual plates, they do not need to be returned during renewal time unless you are storing your unit.
 2. If you are deleting a unit anytime during the year other than your renewal time, you **must** return the annual and permanent plates and delete the vehicle(s). To apply for a refund of Iowa fees paid, complete a claim for refund form, (441021) and send it in with the plate.
 3. If you are deleting a unit during your renewal month, but have already paid your renewal, you will need to delete that unit in the current year, and return both the plate and the cab card for a refund.
 4. Display 2020 credentials on/before your current credentials expire. If the 2020 credentials are displayed prior to your current credentials expiring, both the 2019 and 2020 cab cards must be carried in the vehicle.
 5. **Distance reporting period through August 31, 2018 is July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.**
 6. **Distance reporting period beginning September 1, 2019 is July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.**
 7. 2290 reporting period: **July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 or July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.**
 - **If the October renewal is submitted October 1 or after, you **must** use the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 2290**
- *For 2290 filing requirements & information visit [IRS Trucking Tax Center](#)*
8. IFTA tax return filing: To avoid penalty and interest, the tax return and payment must be filed and paid in full on or before the IFTA quarterly return filing deadline.

Motor Carrier Responsible for Safety (MCRS)

All IRP commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) registered within a Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) state must have a MCRS assigned to it.

If you indicated the MCRS is not going to change during the registration period, the MCRS information will be printed on the cab card.

If the MCRS changes during the registration period, the changes must be made with our office **within 10 days**, on the vehicle(s) affected, and a current lease agreement provided.

Updates are critical to keep information current to allow carriers to operate without interruption.

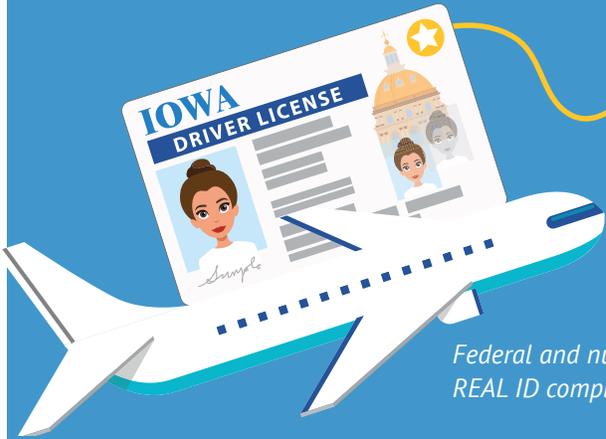
If you indicated the MCRS is going to change during the registration period, the MCRS information will not be placed on the cab card. This means the driver must have in his or her possession appropriate documentation (a current cab card, lease agreement, and shipping document) to present if stopped at roadside.

If the MCRS changes are due to a federal out of service order, you must make the change with our office immediately, and provide a current lease agreement between you and the company with whom you are leasing, and receive your updated credentials before operating.

Weight Limits for Transporting Raw Forest Products Effective July 1, 2019

- Allows permitted divisible loads of lumber with a maximum of no more than 20,000 lbs per axle.
- Permitted vehicles transporting raw forest products among the list of vehicles that may have at least one tandem axle on the truck tractor and one tandem axle on the trailer that does not exceed 46,000 lbs, provided each tandem axle has at least four tires and all other axles do not exceed the limits of 20,000 lbs per single axle.
- Deems containerized shipments of raw forest products as indivisible loads. This is significant because Ch. 321E only allows indivisible loads to be permitted for weights above 80,000 lbs.
- Establishes an annual overweight permit fee of \$175 for raw forest products.
- Authorizes Iowa DOT to issue annual overweight permits for vehicles transporting divisible loads of raw forest projects from fields to storage, processing, or to other commercial facilities. Also permits issued are valid on routes that are not on primary systems if the local authority that has jurisdiction over the route has approved the route for the permit.
- The single statewide permitting system requires the DOT to develop a single state wide permitting system for vehicles of excess size and weight operated on local and state highways.

DOES YOUR LICENSE FLY?



Beginning Oct. 1, 2020, if you're planning to travel by commercial plane, you must show a REAL ID compliant driver's license or ID card at the airport.

A REAL ID card has a gold star in the top right corner. If you do not have a REAL ID, you will need to show a different TSA-approved identity document (like a passport or military ID) to fly.

Federal and nuclear facilities that screen your identity when you enter will also require you to show a REAL ID compliant card. If you do not have one, other identification and/or screening may be required.

REAL ID is the result of a nationwide federal act meant to protect you from terrorism and identity fraud. You can get a REAL ID card when it's time to renew your license/ID at no additional cost. If you need a REAL ID card before your license/ID expires, come in any time and apply for a replacement card marked as REAL ID compliant for a \$10 fee.

HOW DO I GET A REAL ID CARD?

Go to any Iowa driver's license service center and bring the following original documents (no photocopies).

Proof of identity

one of the following

- Official birth certificate (not the one with baby footprints)
- Valid U.S. passport
- Most recent U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services immigration or refugee document

Proof of social security number

one of the following

- Social security card
- W-2 or 1099 (must show your entire social security number)

Proofs of residency

Two items showing your name and address where you live

- Utility bill
- Bank or credit card statement
- Pay stub
- Piece of postmarked mail
- Find other examples online

Proof of any legal name changes

Any of the following if your current name is different from the name on your proof of identity document.

- Marriage certificate if your last name changed
- Divorce decree indicating a name change
- Court order under petition for name change

 Find out more about REAL ID and get a customized list of documents you need to bring at: www.iowadot.gov/mvd/realid

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Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services Contact Information

Mailing Address: PO Box 10382, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0382

Physical Address: 6310 SE Convenience Blvd., Ankeny, Iowa 50021 (exit 89 on Interstate 35)

Customer Service Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ALL new registrant and reinstatement transaction paperwork must be submitted by mail, fax, email, or dropping it off for review and processing. These transactions will no longer be processed at the counter.

Email: omcs@iowadot.us

Website: <https://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers>

Motor Carrier Audits 515-239-1030
 515-239-1874 Fax

For questions regarding oversize/overweight, fuel and trip permits, IFTA, IRP, UCR, travel authority, and commercial vehicle titles, visit our website at iowadot.gov. If your questions are not answered you may email us at omcs@iowadot.us or call 515-237-3268.

<https://www.iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers> or <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/oversize-overweight-trip-permits>.

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