

VEHICLE & MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember



International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)
IFTA First quarter
2021 tax return filing and payment
Friday, April 30, 2021

April 2021

April 30: IRP renewal filing deadline.

May 2021

May 25: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Memorial day.

No movements of oversized loads will be permitted in Iowa from Noon Friday, May 22 until 30 minutes prior to sunrise Tuesday, May 26.

May 31: IRP renewal filing deadline.

June 2021

June 30: IRP renewal filing deadline.

July 2021

July 1: Enforcement begins for UCR.

July 3: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Independence holiday.

No movements of oversized loads will be permitted in Iowa from Noon Friday, July 3 until 30 minutes prior to sunrise Monday, July 6.

July 31: Second quarter IFTA tax return filing and payment deadline.

IRP renewal filing deadline.

August 2021

Aug 31: IRP renewal filing deadline.

September 2021

Sept. 7: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Labor Day.

No movements of oversized loads will be permitted in Iowa from Noon Friday, September 4 to 30 minutes prior to sunrise on Tuesday, September 8.

Sept. 30: IRP renewal filing deadline.

October 2021

Oct. 31: IRP renewal filing deadline.

November 2021

Nov. 2: Third Quarter IFTA Tax return filing & payment deadline.

Nov. 11: Iowa DOT office are closed for Veterans Day.

Nov. 30: IRP renewal filing deadline.

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IFTA Quarterly Return Filing/Payment Deadline Dates

- **Q1 - April 30**
- **Q2 - July 31**
- **Q3 - October 31**
- **Q4 - January 31**

PERMANENT STICKERS

Permanent stickers will **not** be available until the new system has been launched.

WHAT'S NEW?

Apportion Plate Changes

Beginning with the release of the new IRP & IFTA system for 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 renew at the time of the release or after and are still in possession of annual plates at their 2022 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 ClearFleet 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.

Launch of the new IRP & IFTA System

With the launch of the new IRP & IFTA System, there will be changes to processes. One major change you will see will be when you receive a Temporary to run on. **Temporaries will not be issued until the invoice is paid in full.** You will be able to pay the invoice online, mail in a check or call us with your credit card number.

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

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, ClearFleet, 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.

ClearFleet's anticipated go live for all external customers is in **2021**. 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>.

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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 at 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, 2020 is July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019.**
 6. **Distance reporting period beginning September 1, 2020 is July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.**
 7. 2290 reporting period: **July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 or July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.**
 - **If the October renewal is submitted October 1 or after, you **must** use the July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 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 or due to a Federal Out of Service Order, you must make the change with our office immediately, on the vehicle(s) affected, and provide a current lease agreement between you and the company with whom you are leasing to receive updated credentials before operating.

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.

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

- Allows permitted divisible loads of raw forest products 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.

Changes to how Motor Carrier Services is conducting business

Motor Carrier Services has made the following changes:

Counter services:

- By appointment only. Go to our website at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers> to schedule an appointment, or you may call us at 515-237-3268.
- You can drop off any work in the drop box outside the front office, this will be checked throughout the day every day and processed in the order received

Contacting our office:

- Email at omcs@iowadot.us
- Phone 515-237-3268.

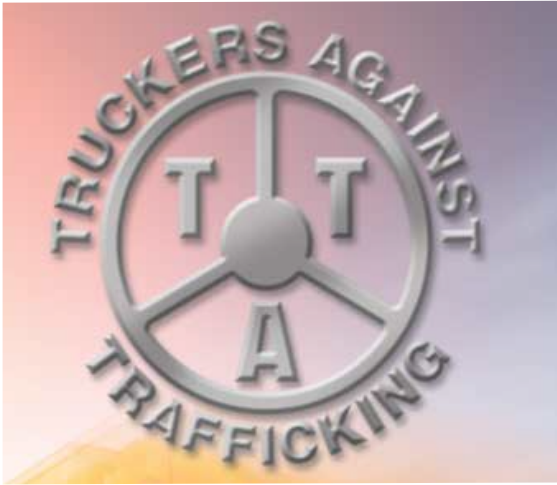
Submitting Transactions:

- Oversize/Overweight Trip Permits can be submitted online at <https://iowa.gotpermits.com/iaps/login.asp>
- Most IRP transactions can be submitted online at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/IFTA-IRP-filing>
- Most IFTA transactions can be submitted online at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/IFTA-IRP-filing>
- For any IRP and IFTA transactions that cannot be submitted online, you can email them to omcs@iowadot.us or fax to 515-237-3225

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Updates

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration hereby declares that a nationwide emergency continues to exist that warrants extension and expansion of Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002 issued on March 13, 2020, and expanded on March 26, 2020, and continuing the exemption granted from Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for the fifty States and the District of Columbia. This Declaration extends the exemption through May 15, 2020, and further expands the relief expressly to cover liquefied gases to be used in refrigeration or cooling systems.

Coming soon: FMCSA will be consolidating the USDOT, MC & MX PINs into one USDOT PIN. This effort will eliminate the MC and MX PINs. FMCSA systems will be accessed using your USDOT PIN only. If you do not have your USDOT PIN or need to reset it, please visit the FMCSA website at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/request-pin-number>.



Truckers Against Trafficking Podcast

TAT has recently launched their ***Driving Freedom*** podcast full of concise and content rich episodes. ***Driving Freedom*** serves as an additional training tool for the largest mobile army of eyes and ears dedicated to discovering and disrupting human trafficking networks. ***Driving Freedom*** is a great tool for all CMV drivers. ***Driving Freedom*** also serves as a mini refresher course for drivers to listen to about 30 minutes before their next stop. Drivers could also encourage companies to link ***Driving Freedom*** to their own podcasts or share it on their terminal screens. We appreciate your commitment and efforts in joining Iowa MVE and TAT in fighting this horrific activity.

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: Due to COVID-19 counter service is closed for everything except OS/OW appointments until further notice.

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>.

OS/OW, fuel & trip permits 515-237-3264
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