

# STAYING COMPLIANT

## USDOT NUMBER

To determine whether the USDOT Number is required of you, visit: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/do-i-need-usdot-number>.

To register for a USDOT Number you can visit: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration>

## NEW-ENTRANT SAFETY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

FMCSA's New Entrant Program monitors motor carriers' compliance with safety regulations for their first 18 months. This website explains the program and requirements to help carriers operate safely on our roads.

For information about the new entrant program and what is included in a Compliance Review, visit <https://ai.fmcsa.dot.gov/NewEntrant/home.aspx>

## MCS 150 USDOT NUMBER UPDATE - REQUIRED EVERY TWO YEARS.

Updates are based on the last two numbers of your DOT number. If the second to last number is odd, the update is due in odd years. If the second to last number is even, the update is due in even years. The last number determines what month the update is due, i.e., 1 = January 2 = February 3 = March, etc. Also, any time a carrier or other regulated entity changes its name or address or other details in their record, they should update their USDOT number and operating authority record with FMCSA in a timely manner.

For more information or to update online, visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/updating-your-registration>.

## UNITED CARRIER REGISTRATION UPDATE - OPENS OCTOBER 1 AND IS DUE DECEMBER 31.

If the operation is doing interstate commerce, they are required to have a USDOT number and UCR. To Complete UCR, visit [www.ucr.gov](http://www.ucr.gov).

## INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT (IFTA) QUARTERLY REPORTING

IFTA REPORTING SCHEDULE	
Quarter	Due
Quarter 1	April 30
Quarter 2	July 31
Quarter 3	October 31
Quarter 4	January 31 of the following year

IFTA is a base jurisdiction motor fuel use tax agreement in which

the base jurisdiction (typically a state) administers motor fuel use taxes for all IFTA jurisdictions and apportions payments to those jurisdictions. For example, if you purchase fuel in Illinois but also drive in Iowa, Iowa will receive their portion of the fuel tax through IFTA.

If your vehicles:

1. Travel in Illinois **and** at least one other state,
2. Have two axels and a gross vehicle weight or registered gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds,
3. Have three or more axels regardless of weight, **or**
4. Are used in combination and the gross vehicle weight or the registered gross vehicle weight of the combined vehicles exceeds 26,000 pounds,

You are required to use the MyTax Illinois system to register for and file tax returns under Illinois' motor fuel use tax program (MyTax Illinois, n.d.).

## IFTA DECAL RENEWAL - MUST BE ORDERED BY DECEMBER 31 EVERY YEAR.

For further information on IFTA, visit <https://tax.illinois.gov/research/taxinformation/motorfuel/mfut/licensereg.html>.

## HEAVY HIGHWAY VEHICLE USE TAX (2290) - DEADLINE AUGUST 31

Anyone who has registered or is required to register a heavy highway motor vehicle with a taxable gross weight of 55,000 pounds or more in their name at the time of first use on the public highways during the reporting period (July 1 through June 30) must fill Form 2290 (IRS.gov, n.d.).

You should claim suspension from the tax when a vehicle is expected to be used 5,000 miles or less (7,500 miles or less for agricultural vehicles) during the period; however, you must still file.

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/trucking-tax-center> for more information.

## BASE, FARM, MILEAGE PLATES - EXPIRES JUNE 30 ANNUALLY