

## Unified Carrier Registration Act (UCRA)

Several NLA members have contacted the association asking if they must purchase a package of information on the Unified Carrier Registration (UCRA) requirements from a well-known education vendor. First passed in 2005, UCRA is federal legislation that provides a way for interstate haulers to register in multiple states at one time without having to register separately in each state. The purpose of this *News Flash* is to clarify who is required to register under the UCRA and to provide contacts for more registration information.

### Who is required to register?

Two conditions have to be met to reach the threshold for registration under UCR: weight and interstate commerce status.

1) **Weight:** If you are transporting property in commercial motor vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least **10,001** pounds (whichever is greater), you may have to register. If your trucks are lighter, you don't.

2) If you are engaged in **interstate commerce** and are above the weight threshold, you must register.

Questions arise about whether a carrier is inter- or intra-state. If you cross state lines, you are interstate. However, there are cases where you may be considered interstate even though common sense indicates otherwise. According to Sharon Yekaldo of the Minnesota DOT, this is the most likely case: If a load originating in another state is delivered to a distribution center and is distributed to other companies, the distributor is engaged in interstate commerce. When a retailer delivers to a construction site, it is intrastate commerce, unless the retailer crosses state lines to make the delivery. If a retailer takes delivery from a supplier in another state, the supplier is interstate and the retailer is intrastate.

### Resources

The Indiana DOT hosts a website where you can get a brochure on UCR and can actually register in any state if you are required to do so. The address is [www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov). You may also contact your state DOT at the address/phone below with questions and to register if you do not choose to register via the website:

#### Iowa Dept. of Transportation

<http://www.iowadot.gov/Mvd/omcs/index.htm>

P.O. Box 10382

Des Moines, IA 50306-0382

(515) 237-3224 FAX (515) 237-3354

Payment options: CA, CC, CF, CH & MO

#### Minnesota Dept. of Transportation

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/cvo/index.html>

Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations

Credentials Unit, Room 153, MS 420

St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-1899

651-215-6330 FAX 651-366-3718

Payment options: CA, CC (in person only), CH, CF & MO

Nebraska Dept. of Motor Vehicles

<http://www.dmv.ne.gov/mcs/ucr.html>

301 Centennial Mall South

P.O. Box 94729

Lincoln, NE 68509

(888)-622-1222 FAX (402)-471-4024

Payment options: CA, CF, CH & MO

North Dakota DOT - Motor Vehicle Division

<http://www.dot.nd.gov/manuals/mv/2008-registration-manual.pdf>

608 East Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505-0780

(701) 328-2725 select 2

FAX (710) 328-3500

Payment options: CA, CC, CF, CH & MO

South Dakota Dept. of Revenue & Regulation

<http://www.sdtruckinfo.com/ucr.asp> - (not a state web site, link to state from here)

Motor Carriers Services

445 East Capitol Ave.

Pierre, SD 57501-3185

(605) 773-3314 FAX (605) 773-4117

Payment options: CH, CA, CC, MO & CF

Payment options defined:

CA-CASH

CC-CREDIT CARDS

CF-CERTIFIED FUNDS

CH-CHECKS

EC-E-CHECK

MO-MONEY ORDER