

SCHOOL BUS OPERATIONS: IRP / IFTA / UCR

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Outline:

- ▶ IRP: International Registration Plan
- ▶ IFTA: International Fuel Tax Agreement
- ▶ Exemptions & Trip Permits
- ▶ UCR: Unified Carrier Registration
- ▶ Online Filing (IRP & IFTA)
- ▶ FAQ's and Q&A
- ▶ Important Contact Information



IRP: International Registration Plan

▶ Overview

- Interstate Registration – simplified from old model
- 59 participating jurisdictions

▶ How Does it Work?

- Staggered registration (12 month)
- Credentials: Apportioned Plate & Cab Card
- Register based on total miles in each jurisdiction
- Pay all registration fees to Wisconsin
- Wisconsin pays other jurisdictions through Clearinghouse



IRP: International Registration Plan

- ▶ Example: Interstate Travel – WI, IA, IL, MN & MI
 - 100,000 miles:
 - 60,000 in WI
 - 10,000 each in IA, IL, MI & MN
 - Fees calculated as follows:
 - 60% Wisconsin fee table
 - 10% each IA, IL, MI & MN fee tables (40% total)



IRP: International Registration Plan

- ▶ Who Must Register?
 - Interstate and....
 - Over 26,000 pounds or...
 - Over 2 axles or...
 - Combination vehicle
- ▶ Removal of Charter Bus Exemption
 - January 1st, 2016
- ▶ Impacts to School Bus Companies
 - Interstate travel under contract
 - Interstate travel beyond contract



IFTA: International Fuel Tax Agreement

▶ Overview

- Only for interstate vehicles
- Distribution of fuel taxes
- Distributions completed by jurisdictions through “Clearinghouse”

▶ Requirements

- Qualifications same as IRP
- Yearly license - renewal (interstate vehicles)
- File quarterly IFTA report (miles and gallons)



IFTA: International Fuel Tax Agreement

- ▶ Example: Interstate Travel – Wisconsin & Minnesota
 - Quarter total: 10,000 miles and 1,000 gallons (10.0 mpg)
 - 9,000 miles in WI and 1,000 miles in MN
 - Expectation that 90% fuel purchased in WI and 10% in MN
 - Therefore 900 gallons in WI and 100 gallons in MN
 - Say you purchased 90 gallons in MN
 - Owe 10 gallons in fuel tax at Minnesota's rate (\$0.285/gal)
 - IFTA report filed on Minnesota owing \$2.85



Exemptions & Trip Permits

- ▶ Regional IFTA School Bus Exemptions
 - Illinois, Michigan & Wisconsin (exempt)
 - Minnesota & Iowa (non-exempt)
- ▶ 30-Mile Border Exemptions (IRP & IFTA)
 - Minnesota & Iowa (IRP & IFTA)
 - Michigan (IRP only – IFTA exempt)
 - Illinois (no exemption for IRP)
- ▶ Trip Permit Option
 - Pay on per-visit basis
 - File for trip permit with each jurisdiction



UCR: Unified Carrier Registration

- ▶ Overview
- ▶ Filing Fees

Fleet size		
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Fee</u>
0	2	\$76
3	5	\$227
6	20	\$452
21	100	\$1,576
101	1,000	\$7,511
1,001	or more	\$73,346

- ▶ Online Filing: www.ucr.in.gov



Online IRP/IFTA Filing

- ▶ Wisconsin Carrier Registration System (**WisCRS**)
- ▶ Information: www.wisconsindot.gov
 - Search: WisCRS
- ▶ IRP transactions (renewals & add/replace vehicles)
- ▶ IFTA quarterlies – performs all calculations
- ▶ IFTA renewals
- ▶ Online ACH payments



FAQ's

1. If you don't travel interstate with your school buses do you need to register for IRP? **No. IRP is interstate only.**
2. Are home to school bus routes exempt from IRP / IFTA? **Yes.**
3. Do you need to register all of your school buses or only those that you use for interstate travel? **Only interstate units.**
4. If you choose to only use a trip permit for interstate charters, do you still need to register for IRP and submit IFTA returns? **No.**



Any Questions?



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