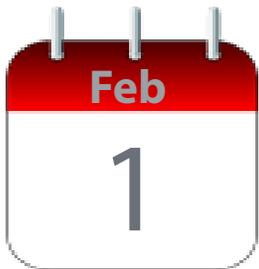


VEHICLE & MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

NEWSLETTER

Dates to Remember



**International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)
IFTA Fourth quarter
2020 tax return filing and payment
deadline is Monday, February 1, 2021**

IFTA DECALS:

Iowa enforcing IFTA decal accountability. The number on the decal is carrier specific and registered as such. Decals must be accounted for and **only** used on a vehicle registered for the Iowa IFTA carrier to whom it was issued.

December 2020

December 24 & 25: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Christmas Holiday.

December 31: IRP renewal filing deadline. 2020 IFTA decals expire. 2021 IFTA renewal must be submitted and paid online or postmarked by Dec. 31.

January 2021

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

January 20: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Martin Luther King Day.

January 31: IRP renewal filing deadline.

February 2021

February 1: Fourth quarter IFTA tax return filing and payment deadline.

February 28: IRP Renewal Filing deadline.

2021 IFTA decals must be displayed.

March 2021

March 31: IRP Renewal filing deadline.

April 2021

April 30: First quarter IFTA tax return filing and payment deadline.

IRP renewal filing deadline.

May 2021

May 31: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Memorial day.

No movements of oversized loads will be permitted in Iowa from Noon Friday, May 28 until 30 minutes prior to sunrise Tuesday, June 1.

IRP renewal filing deadline.

June 2021

June 30: IRP renewal filing deadline.

July 2021

July 5: Iowa DOT offices are closed for Independence Day.

No movements of oversized loads will be permitted in Iowa from Noon **Friday, July 2 until 30 minutes prior to sunrise Tuesday, July 6.**

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

IRP renewal filing deadline.

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IFTA Quarterly Return Filing/Payment Deadline Dates

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

2021 UCR Registration

OPEN FOR RENEWAL

The start of the 2021 UCR registration period is open for registration.

Enforcement to begin **January 1, 2021.**

For updates on UCR go to plan.ucr.gov.

Apportion Plate Changes

In April 1, 2020 for the 2021 registration year, Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services (VMCS) stopped issuing apportioned plates that required an annual decal, and only issued permanent apportioned plates that did not require decals to power units. This change was 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.

VMCS is issuing permanent plates to all new carriers and all new power units 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 with the new system and are still in possession of annual plates at their 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>

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 **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>.

**ClearFleet's anticipated
go live is
2021**

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.

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2021 IFTA Renewal On-line Processing

VMCS has opened up the start of online processing for the 2021 IFTA renewals effective immediately.

Renewal fees are \$.50 for each set of decals needed. **Decals may be displayed as of Nov. 1, 2020. If they are displayed prior to Jan. 1, 2021, you must carry both years license in the vehicle.**

When renewing, please select Renew Fleet. DO NOT select Add Decals.

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 2021 credentials on/before your current credentials expire. If the 2021 credentials are displayed prior to your current credentials expiring, both the 2020 and 2021 cab cards must be carried in the vehicle.
5. If you are renewing for 2022, if you display 2022 credentials on/before your current credentials expire, both 2021 & 2022 cab cards must be carried in the vehicle.
6. **Distance reporting period through August 31, 2021 is July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020.**
7. **Distance reporting period beginning September 1, 2021 is July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.**
8. 2290 reporting period: **July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.**

*For 2290 filing requirements & information visit [IRS Trucking Tax Center](#)
9. 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.

GOVERNOR PROCLAMATION UPDATES:

- **COVID-19 public health disaster:** The Governor extended permit relief for carriers hauling goods and supplies necessary to respond to this disaster until **January 8, 2021**. For more details, see IM 20-12 at: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/ctmanual/memos/IM-20-12.pdf>.
- **COVID-19 public health disaster:** IRP relief from penalties for registration renewals has expired. Customers with registration expiration dates of March 2020 through November 2020 have until December 31, 2020 to file their registration renewals. As of January 1, 2021, these customers will start accruing late-filing penalties. For more details, see IM 20-11 at: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/ctmanual/memos/IM-20-11.pdf>.
- **COVID-19 public health disaster:** Relief from trip and fuel permits for carriers providing disaster relief **expired on December 10**. For more details, see IM 20-12 at: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/ctmanual/memos/im-20-12.pdf>.
- The DOT is no longer issuing interstate permits for disaster relief for either COVID-19 or the Derecho disaster emergency. (COVID-19 **expired July 11, 2020**; Derecho **expired November 8, 2020**).

Changes to how Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services is conducting business brought on by COVID-19

Vehicle & Motor Carrier Services has made the following changes:

Counter services:

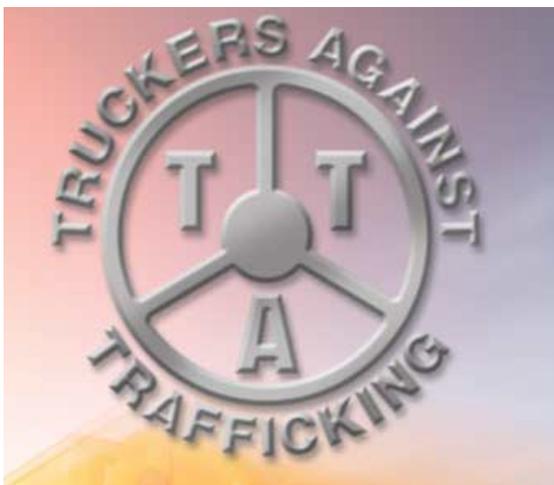
- **By appointment only.** Go to our website at <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers> to schedule an appointment.
- You can drop off any work in the drop box outside the front office, this will be checked throughout the day every day and processed in the order received

Contacting our office:

- Email at omcs@iowadot.us
- Phone 515-237-3268, although we encourage you to use email due to a limited number of staff.

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



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.

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>.

OS/OW, fuel & trip permits 515-237-3264
Fuel and trip permits, and oversize/overweight permits..... 515-237-3257 Fax
IFTA, IRP, UCR, TNC, travel authority and commercial vehicle titles:..... 515-237-3268
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