• Replaced the Single State Registration System (SSRS)
  – SSRS was created in the early 1990’s
• Establishes a lower compliance burden for carriers
• Provides same level of revenue to the states
• Registration is good in all 50 states
• All registrations are completed online
• 41 participating states (revenue entitlements)
The Act

Public Law 109-59, Title IV, §4305(b), August 10, 2005; Title 49 – Transportation - USC §14504a

- The Act created the UCR Plan, and:
  - Provisioned a UCR Agreement (By-Laws)
  - Identified the entities subject to The Act
  - Established a governance board
• Requires motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles (CMV’s) in interstate or international commerce, and other businesses subject to The Act, to:
  – Register on-line with UCR
  – Pay annual fees

• Fees are based on fleet size

• **Purpose**: To provide level funding to states while reducing the compliance burden on motor carriers
The UCR Plan & Agreement

- The UCR Plan is the **organization** of state, federal and industry representatives responsible for developing, implementing and administering the UCR Agreement.

- The UCR Agreement **governs** the collection and distribution of registration information and fees generated under the UCR Plan.
Entities subject to UCR include:

- Motor carriers (and private motor carriers)
- Brokers
- Freight forwarders
- Leasing companies
• **Definition of a Commercial Motor Vehicle for UCR purposes:**
  • A self-propelled vehicle used on the highways in commerce principally to transport passengers or cargo
  • Has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater, or when connected to trailing equipment has a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of at least 10,001 pounds, whichever is greater
  • Carries placarded amounts of hazardous materials, regardless of the vehicle’s weight,
  • Is designed to carry more than 10 passengers, including the driver.
Governance – Board of Directors

- Appointed by US Secretary of Transportation (or designee)
  - 5 state members nominated by NCSTS*
  - 4 state members from FMCSA** Regions
  - 5 Industry members
  - 1 member from FMCSA

3-year terms, no limits on number of terms

* NCSTS – National Conference of State Transportation Specialists
** FMCSA – Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
NCSTS Appointees:
1. Scott Morris – AL Public Service Commission (UCR Board Vice-Chair)
2. Mike Hoeme – KS Corporation Commission
3. William Debord – KY Revenue Cabinet
4. Crystal Stevens – OK Corporation Commission
5. Terry Mercer – RI Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

FMCSA Regions Appointees:
1. Elizabeth Leaman – MA Department of Public Utilities (UCR Board Chair)
2. Jessica Kines – MI State Police
3. Carol Fallin – TX Department of Motor Vehicles
4. Suzanne Stillwell – WA Utilities & Transportation Commission
Governance – Board of Directors

Industry Appointees:
1. Christopher Burroughs – Transportation Intermediaries Association
2. David E. Bauer, Esq. – American Trucking Association
3. Brandon Buchanan – American Bus Association
5. Tamara Young – Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association

FMCSA Appointee:
1. Robin Hutcheson – Deputy Administrator
## Current Fee Brackets

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Units leased for more than 30 days are to be counted in the lessee’s fleet of vehicles for the purpose of UCR.
## History of Reduced Fees

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**NOTE:** Fees for the 2023 registration year are currently under federal review but are expected to be significantly less than the fees for the 2020 – 2022 registration years.
Revenue

Maximum State Revenue Entitlements - $107,777,060

2022 Administrative Cost Allowance - $4,000,000

2020 Revenue - $112,984,832

2021 Revenue - $123,088,977

2022 Revenue - $116,695,526

Data as of April 30, 2022
• Depository created by The Act
• Collects substantially all fees remitted by registrants
• Distributes fees from participating states that exceed their revenue entitlements to those states that do not
• All 41 participating states have achieved their entitlements since 2014, in great part due to Depository Distributions
Selecting a Base State

• Entities subject to the requirements of the UCR program are also subject to:
• The requirement to register with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
• File FMCSA’s Form MCS-150 or MCSA-1 and obtain a DOT number.
• Identify a “principal address.” For purposes of UCR:
  – this location is the registrant’s “principal place of business,”
  – If the registrant’s principal place of business is in a state that participates in UCR, that state is the entity’s base state
  – Otherwise select a base state nearest to the principal place of business
  – Base state is recipient of revenues collected by the UCR Plan
UCR National Registration System
National Registration System

- [www.ucr.gov](http://www.ucr.gov)

- All registrations and transactions (fee payments & refunds) now performed electronically on-line

- Single website for UCR information, including law enforcement
• State administrators manage their own profile within the system

• Enforcement portal available
  https://www.ucr.gov/enforcement

• Helpdesk support available:
  ➢ 1-833-UCR-PLAN
  ➢ helpdesk@ucr.gov
• Enforcement is a State responsibility

• Typically begins on January 1

• Penalties and fines accrue to the issuing state in addition to the UCR fee entitlement
Carrier Audits by States
Carrier Audits by States

- Participating states required to conduct annual audit of carriers for previous UCR registration year

- States review carriers that have retreated from a higher fee bracket to a lower bracket

- Focused Anomaly Reviews (FAR)
Carrier Audits by States

- International Registration Plan (IRP) Data
- Inspection Data
- Violation Data
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