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News and Information for the Motor Carrier Industry in Idaho

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-Helpful Websites-

<http://trucking.idaho.gov>
Trucking Resources for the State of Idaho

<http://www.irponline.org>
Bringing efficiency, information, and education to the IRP and motor carrier communities.

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov>
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

<http://www.ucr.in.gov>
Unified Carrier Registration System, remember to submit your annual filing!

Overlegal Permit Administrative Fees to Increase

During the 2012 Legislative session, the administrative fees for certain overlegal permits will be increased effective July 1, 2012. The administrative fees were increased in order to ensure a revenue neutral Overlegal Permit program is achieved. The increased overlegal permit administrative fees are based on the complexity of the permit issuance, staff involvement and required updates to the maps and attachments for certain overlegal permits. The increased administrative fee changes are as follows:

- Oversize only single trip exceeding 16 ft wide or 16 feet high or 110 ft long. **(Is \$53 and will be increased to \$71)**
- Oversize only 2 trips within 7 days exceeding 16 ft wide or 16 feet high or 110 ft long. **(Is \$71 and will be increased to \$89)**
- Overweight/Oversize or Overweight only (non-reducible) single trip **(Is \$33 and will be increased to \$71)**
- Overweight/Oversize or Overweight only (non-reducible) 2 trips. **(Is \$43 and will be increased to \$81)**
- Overweight/Oversize (non-reducible) single trip, exceeding 16 ft wide, or 16 ft high or 110 ft long. **(Is \$53 and will be increased to \$103)**
- Overweight/Oversize (non-reducible) 2 trips exceeding 16 ft wide, or 16 ft high or 110 ft long. **(Is \$71 and will be increased to \$116)**
- Overweight/Oversize (non-reducible) annual permit fee for 12 consecutive months. **(Is \$58 and will be increased to \$128)**

Trucking Advisory Council

-ITD Mission-

Your Safety.

Your Mobility.

Your Economic Opportunity.

To achieve its mission, the Idaho Transportation Department adopted a new strategic plan in 2011 with three primary goals:

- Commit to having the safest transportation system possible.
- Provide a mobility focused transportation system that drives economic opportunity.
- Become the best organization by continually developing employees and implementing innovative business practices.

The Governor's Motor Carrier Advisory Committee (MCAC) existed for many years as an important tool to provide the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) with valuable information regarding trucking and freight issues. The MCAC was disbanded in February 2010. However, ITD recognized the ongoing need to stay involved with the trucking industry as partners in highway transport, safety, operations, and freight management.

Consequently, ITD, with recommendations from our Motor Vehicle Administrator Alan Frew, in consultation with the trucking industry has organized a new group called the "Trucking Advisory Council (TAC).

The TAC shall advise the ITD Board on issues and policies concerning freight transportation, trucking safety and services in Idaho. Such advice shall include laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures affecting motor carrier operations within the State of Idaho. The TAC shall provide leadership, recommend law, administrative rule, and/or procedural changes to improve customer service, promote safe trucking practices, identify transportation needs, recommend highway safety improvements and promote coordinated freight transportation systems.

It will be organized after the same structure as the ITD Board which consists of a chairman and one member from each of the six districts. The members of the first Council are as follows:

Council Chair – Bill Moad
District 1 Member – Jack Buell
District 2 Member – Bill Stellmon
District 3 Member – Tony Black
District 4 Member – Kevin Iverson
District 5 Member – Evan Hayes
District 6 Member – John Pocock

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<http://itd.idaho.gov>
<http://dmv.idaho.gov>

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Port of Entry Contact Info:

Bonnars Ferry
Jct of US95 & US2
208-267-2486

Huetter POE
2 miles W of CDA (I90)
208-769-1551

Haugan POE
15 miles E of ID/MT line (I90)
406-678-4257

Lewiston POE
1 mile E of Lewiston (US12)
208-799-4824

East Boise POE
11 miles E of Boise (I84)
208-334-3272

Marsing POE
6 miles S of US95 & SH55 Jct
208-896-4814

Hollister POE
21 miles S Twin Falls (US93)
208-655-4413

Cotterel POE
8 miles S of I84/I86 Jct
208-349-5650

Inkom POE
8 miles S of Pocatello (I15)
208-775-3311

Idaho's "North America Permanent Trailer Plate" is a great option when registering commercial trailers. **It is available to both Idaho-based and non-Idaho-based commercial trailers.**

This permanent plate sells for \$105.00 plus a plate fee of \$3.00 and an administration fee of \$4.00. The plate is non-expiring and is valid for as long as the registrant retains the trailer.

Non-Idaho-based trailers can be registered with this plate without the need for obtaining a title in Idaho. Proof of ownership is required, such as a copy of a title or official record of title from the base jurisdiction. Periodic verification of continued ownership and operation of the trailer will also be required, but no additional fees are charged at that time.

Many customers have already taken advantage of this service provided by Idaho. One customer from Nevada, Capurro Trucking, purchased plates for 168 trailers. A representative of this company stated, "This plate provides good value for the price, and it is easy to meet the ownership requirements associated with this plate." Another customer from Utah, RC Willey Home Furnishings, recently purchased plates for 104 trailers. A representative of this company said, "A permanent plate saves time, as I do not have to track down the trailers each year to apply a new sticker."

The North America plate legislation also allows for a trailer plate to be issued with the customer's business logo included on the plate. The design must be approved and there are some up-front one-time programming costs. The business logo plate is available to both Idaho-based and non-Idaho-based commercial trailers.

More information about this plate is available at the following link ([Click Here for Link](#)). You can also access this and more

Sage Jct POE
8 miles N of Roberts (I15)
208-228-3636

-ITD Calendar- APR-JUN 2012

~Office will be closed May
28th due to observance of
Memorial Day~

-Ordering Overlegal Permits-

Remember that you can order your overlegal permits directly from the Overlegal Permit office (800-662-7133). For Idaho, you are NOT required to go through a third party service.



-Questions?-

Do you have a registration or permits question you would like answered in the next E-Trails? Send an email to csv@itd.idaho.gov with 'E-Trails Question' as the subject and we will provide a detailed answer to at least one question per month!!!

online information from www.trucking.idaho.gov. Also available on these web sites is the North America Permanent Trailer Plate application form.

Payment Plan Reminder!!

Installment Payment Plans established will require a set up fee of \$50.00, to cover the administrative costs of the plan. This fee will be due with the initial registration fee payment at time of plan setup.

However, the payment plan option will not be available to those accounts that are suspended two (2) or more times for non-payment of installment payments due. However, after twelve (12) consecutive months of no suspensions related to the account starting from the month the account is cleared, customers can request in writing to have the option made available to them again.

Important Information Regarding Motor Carrier Walk-In Services

While encouraging our customers to complete as many transactions as possible online or via phone, fax, mail or email, we also provide walk-in services in several locations throughout the state. In this article, we would like to highlight our walk-in locations, office hours, expected wait times, etc.

Customer Service Counter in Boise, 3311 West State Street

- Our office hours at this location are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time.
- Many types of transactions can be completed at this location, including Full Fee and IRP registrations, temporary registration permits, overlegal permits, hazardous materials endorsements, UCR filings, Heavy Vehicle Use Tax filings, and more.
- Please arrive as early in the day as possible to allow time for processing of your transaction. Some applications may take more than one day to process, depending on the type

-Random Facts- Unified Carrier Registration Act (UCR)

~Who is required to file under the Unified Carrier Registration Act (UCR)?

- ❖ *For-hire motor carriers transporting property in interstate commerce in commercial motor vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds whichever is greater;*
- ❖ *For-hire motor carriers transporting passengers in interstate commerce in commercial motor vehicles designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers (including the driver);*
- ❖ *For-hire motor carriers transporting hazardous materials in interstate commerce and transported in a quantity requiring placarding;*
- ❖ *Motor private carrier 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;*
- ❖ *Brokers;*
- ❖ *Freight Forwarders; or*
- ❖ *Leasing Companies*

~What am I required to do?

File an annual application, either on paper or on-line, and pay an annual fee.

~Where do I get the forms and instruction to file?

There is a national web base system where you can get forms, contact us for information and instructions on how you select your base state for filing. You may also file directly on line at this site.
<http://www.ucr.in.gov>

of transaction, related requirements being met, etc. If you arrive late in the day, it is unlikely that the transaction can be completed while you wait.

- The expected wait times are usually short, but can be longer during the lunch hour, beginning and ending of each month, and during peak renewal seasons such as November-January for commercial registrations.
- Calling ahead (208-334-8611) to make an appointment or to determine our current workload is recommended.
- We also have a customer kiosk in the lobby at this location which can be used for many self-service transactions.

ITD Driver Services Update Regarding HazMat Clearance Letter

Driver Services will no longer be mailing out Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Hazmat Threat Assessment Clearance letters (Form 99D) to notify drivers their Hazmat background check has been completed.

The Transportation Security Administration currently mails out letters to drivers on the day their background check is approved. This letter notifies drivers that their hazmat background check is complete and advises them that their license state of issue has been notified that they may renew or obtain their hazmat endorsement.

Additionally, on the TSA Website is the following: **“DRIVERS: If you have not received a letter from TSA two weeks after you have been fingerprinted, please call 877-429-7746 for a status update.”**

Because TSA mails drivers a letter, and their status is also readily available from TSA, our clearance notification letters are no longer needed. Drivers Services will continue to update the driver's record with the TSA clearance information as soon as it is received.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Driver Services at (208) 334-8735, Option 3.

- Public Transportation Facts-

Quick Facts:

- In 2011, Americans took 10.2 billion trips on public transportation.
- 35 million times each weekday, people board public transportation.
- Public Transportation is a \$54 billion industry that employs more than 400,000 people.
- Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic revenue.
- 83% of older Americans acknowledge public transit provides easy access to things they need in everyday life.
- Public transit is a vital link for the more than 51 million Americans with disabilities.
- Access to bus and rail lines reduces driving by 4,400 miles per household annually.
- Americans living in areas served by public transportation save 785 million hours in travel time and 640 million gallons of fuel annually in congestion reduction alone.
- Public transportation's overall effects save the United States 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually.
- Households near public transit drive an average of 4,400 fewer miles than households with access to public transit. This equates to an individual household reduction of 223 gallons per year.

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WHAT YOU DON'T GET WITH NORPASS

- Transaction Fees – With NORPASS, there is never a fee for using the system, no matter how many green lights you get.
- Monthly fees or membership fees – There is never a fee for enrolling or participating in NORPASS.

If wanting more information please visit www.norpass.org or contact the Idaho Port of Entry Transponder Administrator at 208-334-8688.

Manager's Message

Spring is here and with it comes construction of our highways to ensure safe and efficient transportation of people and commerce. I would like to share with you information provided by our Public Affairs office:

Work Zone Awareness Week highlights safety in construction areas

Safe driving means safer work zones. That's why the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) reminds motorists to drive carefully through work zones – for their own safety and the safety of construction workers.

The Federal Highway Administration, ITD and other state departments of transportation draw special attention to safe driving in or near work zones during national Work Zone Awareness Week **April 23-27**. The week's timing coincides with the start of construction season throughout the U.S.

“Work zones can be the most hazardous areas on our state highway system,” said ITD Chief Engineer Tom Cole. “We urge drivers to use extreme caution when passing through these areas so they can arrive at their destination safely and construction workers can return home to their loved ones.”

Cole recommends a common-sense approach to driving in work zones:

- **KNOW B4 U GO.** Check before leaving home to determine whether you might encounter highway construction. Call 5-1-1 or check 511.idaho.gov;
- **Slow down** and drive at the posted speed limit or at speeds appropriate for conditions;
- **Keep your distance.** Don't tailgate. Keep a safe distance between you, the car in front of you, and construction workers;
- **Obey** traffic signs and follow the directions of flaggers and pilot cars, when present;
- **Anticipate heavy equipment** operating in the area;
- **Watch** for altered traffic patterns or reduced lane widths;
- **Be aware** of gravel driving surfaces, especially while operating motorcycles;
- **Devote your full attention to driving** and avoid distractions such as cell phone use;
- **Expect delays and exercise patience.** Some projects may require delays



of 15 minutes, so adjust your travel schedule accordingly; and

- **Always wear a seat belt.**

“Safety in our work zones is no accident,” Cole added. “Following these simple cautions will help ensure the safety of drivers, passengers and construction workers.”

Across the U.S., 576 workers and motorists were killed in work zone crashes and more than 37,000 were injured during 2010, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

From 2006-2010 (the last five years for which statistics are available), work zone crashes in Idaho led to an average of 21 serious or visible injuries, three motorist or passenger fatalities and two workers injured per year according to ITD statistics.

Transportation officials will assemble at 10 a.m. at a Missouri Department of Transportation highway project near St. Louis to formally launch the 2012 National Work Zone Awareness Week campaign. This year’s theme is “Don’t Barrel Through Work Zones.”

So please take your time and be aware in order to ensure safety in work zones for our workers and you.

Thank you.

Reymundo Rodriguez
Motor Carrier Services Manager

