



# Inspection Bulletin

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## 2018-01 – Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Agreement Enforcement Bulletin for 2018 Registration Year

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### Summary

This bulletin provides guidance for verifying compliance with the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Agreement during a roadside inspection and encourages roadside enforcement for the 2018 registration year, effective Jan. 1, 2018.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) completed a rulemaking addressing UCR fees on Jan. 5, 2018. As a result, the UCR Board of Directors is suspending enforcement of the 2018 registration period until April 5, 2018 and recommends to all states that the enforcement period for 2018 compliance not begin until that date.

### Background

The 2005 U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) re-authorization bill, also known as SAFETEA-LU, codified UCR into federal law.

### Enforcement of Previous UCR Registration Year (2017)

For roadside enforcement of the previous UCR registration year, enforcement staff should first obtain evidence of interstate/international operations occurring during that registration year. Proof may include but is not limited to:

- log entries
- toll receipts
- shipping papers
- bills of lading
- previous year's apportioned receipt
- prior years' roadside inspection reports of interstate/international operations

### Who is Subject to UCR?

All motor carriers (for-hire, private and exempt) as well as brokers, freight forwarders and leasing companies operating in interstate and international commerce are subject to the UCR Agreement. Carriers based in Canada and Mexico that operate in United States are also subject to the UCR Agreement.

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## Who is Not Subject to UCR?

The following groups are not subject to UCR:

- A state that has adopted the UCR Program for intrastate carriers (those that do not handle interstate/international freight or make interstate/international movements)
- Private motor carriers of passengers (those that operate as a private motor carrier engaged in the interstate/international transportation of passengers which is provided in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise and is not available to the public at large)

## Which States Participate in UCR?

The following 41 states are participating in UCR for the 2018 calendar/registration year and serve as UCR base states:

Alaska	Delaware	Kansas	Minnesota	New Mexico	Pennsylvania	Utah
Alabama	Georgia	Kentucky	Mississippi	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Arkansas	Idaho	Louisiana	Missouri	North Carolina	South Carolina	Washington
California	Illinois	Maine	Montana	North Dakota	South Dakota	Wisconsin
Colorado	Indiana	Massachusetts	Nebraska	Ohio	Tennessee	West Virginia
Connecticut	Iowa	Michigan	New Hampshire	Oklahoma	Texas	

NOTE: Carriers and others subject to UCR domiciled in non-base states that have selected interstate or international commerce must register under UCR and declare one of the states listed above as their base state.

Following publication of the UCR final rule, those subject to UCR were either mailed/emailed reminder notices or UCR application forms with instructions on how to register and pay 2018 UCR fees online at the national UCR website ([www.ucr.in.gov](http://www.ucr.in.gov)), developed and maintained by the Indiana Department of Revenue. Also, on this site, you can find helpful information about UCR, such as “Informal Guidance for Interested Parties” and “UCR Procedures,” available for download. In addition to the Indiana site, there are six states that have created their own UCR system and are uploading registration data to SAFER daily.

## Is there a UCR Credential?

No UCR credential is required to be carried in the commercial motor vehicle.

## Guidance

Until April 5, 2018, the UCR Board of Directors is suspending enforcement of the 2018 UCR registration year, effective Jan. 1, 2018. Enforcement of the 2018 registration year will begin on April 5, 2018. States should, however, continue to enforce the compliance for the 2017 registration year. Enforcement of UCR should only occur after online or telephonic verification that the company has failed to register for the 2017 UCR registration year. Roadside enforcement action should not be taken for the 2017 UCR registration year unless proof of operation in the 2017 UCR registration year can be obtained.

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As an addendum to this bulletin, a listing of the 41 base states with phone numbers has been provided to verify compliance with UCR. This information should also be given to carriers that are required to register or have questions concerning the program.

To verify compliance, please call during normal business hours and provide the USDOT number with the carrier’s name.

FMCSA has added a 49 CFR violation code into the ASPEN software to indicate that a carrier is not in compliance with UCR. It is:

## 392.2 UCR - Failure to pay UCR fees

For the issuance of a citation or a traffic summons, consult your state statute and department regulation.

To verify UCR compliance, access Query Central at the carrier level and click on the UCR link at the bottom of the page.

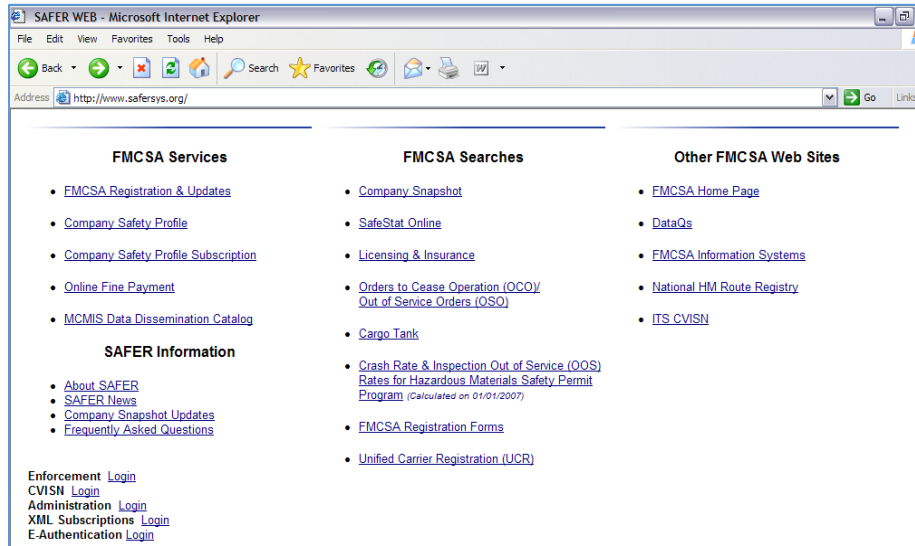
The screenshot shows the 'Query Central' interface with a 'CARRIER SUMMARY' header. Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Driver, Vehicle, Carrier, and Help Home. A secondary navigation bar contains links: Carrier Summary, Carrier Detail, Violation History, 686 Past Inspection(s), PRISM, and Summary Report. The main content area is titled 'Motor Carrier Identification & Safety Data' and includes a note: 'Please Note: You can now access L&I detail by clicking on the MC/MX number(s)'. A table provides the following information:

Legal Name:	JKC TRUCKING INC	USDOT#:	284600
DBA Name:		MC/MX#:	194782
Physical Address:	5450 SOUTH CENTER AVENUE SUMMIT, IL 60501	Phone#:	(708)496-3901
Country of Domicile:	UNITED STATES	Fax#:	(708)496-3903
Mailing Address:	5450 SOUTH CENTER AVENUE SUMMIT, IL 60501	Status of USDOT #:	ACTIVE
		Entity:	CARRIER

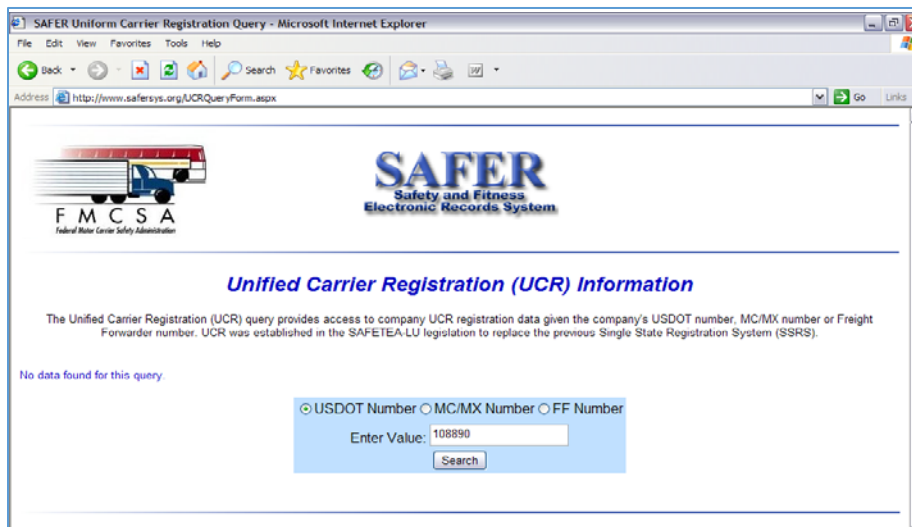
Below the table, it states: 'Inspection Value: 98 - INSPECT' and 'Inspection Value is based on SAFESTAT data.' There are also links to 'SAFER Website' and 'here' for UCR information.

You can also go directly to [www.safersys.org](http://www.safersys.org). Under the middle column “FMCSA Searches,” click on “Unified Carrier Registration (UCR).”

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If the carrier is an intrastate-only carrier or an interstate/international carrier that has never registered in UCR, the message “No data found for this query” will appear. **Under this scenario, enforcement staff should take appropriate enforcement action against the carrier operating in interstate or international commerce.** No UCR enforcement action should be taken against a motor carrier operating solely in intrastate commerce unless that state has adopted the UCR for their intrastate-only motor carriers.



**It is imperative to click on the “Search” button and not hit the “Enter” key.** Clicking on the “Enter” key will result in an inaccurate screen that will not have the message “No data found for this query.”