What Is It?

- The International Registration Plan (IRP) is an agreement among 48 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and 10 Canadian provinces which recognizes the registration of commercial motor vehicles issued by other jurisdictions. Registered motor carriers receive apportioned plates and are able to travel through all IRP member jurisdictions.

- Motor carriers register with and pay to one jurisdiction. The fee is based on the percentage of distance traveled in each jurisdiction according to that jurisdiction’s fee schedule; these fees are then distributed to the relevant jurisdictions.

- Commercial motor vehicles either alone or used in combination weighing more than 26,000 pounds (11,794 kilograms) and traveling in two or more jurisdictions, are likely registered under IRP.

Fees and Credentials

- IRP fees are calculated on an apportioned basis, depending on the percentage of actual distance the fleet (rather than the individual vehicle being registered) traveled in each jurisdiction.

- Each base jurisdiction transmits the fees it collects from its IRP registrants to the IRP Clearinghouse which distributes it to other IRP member jurisdictions, along with registrant and vehicle information from the IRP transactions.

- Base jurisdictions issue a cab card and plate(s) for each IRP registered vehicle.

The Plan

- Is a document containing rules for members to conduct the registration of commercial motor vehicles in a uniform manner and is not law, per se. The statutes of the individual jurisdictions give the members the actual authority to join the Plan, require vehicles to register, set registration fees, and enforce the Plan requirements.