

FACT SHEET

NON-PENNSYLVANIA BASED COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN (IRP)

Registration Requirements

Pennsylvania is a member of the International Registration Plan (IRP). Except for Alaska and Hawaii, all other states and the District of Columbia are members of the IRP. In addition, the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario and Prince Edward Island members of IRP.

The IRP applies to vehicles that are operated through (interstate) or within (intrastate) Pennsylvania and are used for the transportation of persons for hire or are designed, used or maintained primarily for transportation of property. The plan covers vehicles having a gross weight or registered gross weight in excess of 26,000 pounds, combinations with a gross weight in excess of 26,000 pounds and vehicles having three or more axles, regardless of weight.

A vehicle that is owned by a non-resident and displays a plate from an IRP jurisdiction must possess one of the following registration credentials upon its entrance into Pennsylvania:

1. An IRP registration plate with Pennsylvania listed on the cab card and the corresponding weight.
2. A IRP temporary registration issued by the company or a wire service.
3. A hunter permit or plate (only available for a vehicle without a load).
4. A Pennsylvania trip permit (a 72-hour permit issued by PennDOT or its agents).

INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT (IFTA)

Fuel Tax Requirements

Pennsylvania is a member of the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA). Except for Alaska, Hawaii and the District of Columbia, all other states are members of IFTA. In addition, all Canadian Provinces are members of IFTA, with the exception of the Northwest Territories.

IFTA applies to vehicles operated through or within Pennsylvania and are used for the transportation of persons for hire or are designed, used or maintained primarily for transportation of property. The plan covers vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 26,000 pounds and vehicles having three or more axles, regardless of weight.

A vehicle owned by a non-resident and is from an IFTA jurisdiction must possess one of the following fuel tax credentials upon its entrance into Pennsylvania:

1. Two IFTA decals, one each displayed on the driver's and passenger's sides of the power unit.
2. IFTA license or legible photocopy of the license in each vehicle.
3. Trip permit (issued by wire services).
4. Temporary permit issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

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TEMPORARY FUEL MARKER PERMIT

When a motor carrier vehicle will be traveling through Pennsylvania for five days or less, the carrier may purchase a temporary Fuel Permit for that vehicle for \$50. To obtain a temporary permit, the carrier should contact one of the following companies: Interstate Permit, Transcom, Comdata, Nova Permit, Xero Fax or Tewel Corporation. The driver must carry a copy of the telegram sent from the Department of Revenue identifying him/herself, the vehicle and the five-day period for which the permit was issued.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Bureau of Motor Fuel Taxes, Department 280646, Harrisburg, PA 17128-0646 or call (717) 783-9361.

GROSS RECEIPTS TAX

All owners and operators of commercial motor vehicles operating for hire in interstate or intrastate operations in Pennsylvania must register for Gross Receipts Tax reporting with the Bureau of Corporation Taxes, Department of Revenue, P.O. Box 8911, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8199. The Gross Receipts Interstate/Intrastate Motor Transport Tax is an 8 mil tax on total gross receipts derived from hauling passengers or property across or through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For additional information, call (717) 787-8211.

OPERATING AUTHORITY

All vehicles must be correctly registered and equipped in accordance with laws of their home state and/or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations. For additional information regarding intrastate operating authority in Pennsylvania, contact the Public Utility Commission, Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 3 East KYST, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0203 or call (717) 787-3834. For interstate operating authority, contact the Federal Highway Administration at 820 First Street, Northeast, Washington, D.C. 20002 or call (202) 523-0163.

WEIGHT ENFORCEMENT/TOLERANCE

All vehicles must comply with the Pennsylvania law regulating maximum size and weight. When a vehicle is axle-weighed, the axle weights and the sum of the same (gross weight) will be adjusted by three percent, except when a vehicle is axle-weighed on a stationary scale on an interstate highway. No single vehicle with a gross weight exceeding 73,280 pounds may be operated on a highway, nor may a combination exceed 80,000 pounds without a special oversize/overweight permit. In addition, there are limitations concerning distribution of the weight over the axles of the vehicle or combination.

For additional information regarding maximum size and weight limitations or oversize/overweight permit information, contact the Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering, Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0041 or call (717) 787-4680.