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Apportioned Charter Bus Registration

IRP Ballot 391
Implementation

Ballot Background Information

On September 18th, 2014, the International Registration Plan (IRP) jurisdictions voted in favor of amending the definition of “apportionable vehicle” in the Plan.

This amendment removed “charter bus” as a vehicle exempt from IRP registration, thereby making IRP a requirement for out-of-state travel on qualifying vehicles.

Summary

Effective January 1st, 2016, commercial buses used for the transportation of chartered parties are required to obtain IRP registration or trip permits for interstate (state-to-state) travel if the vehicle meets the definition of an apportionable vehicle.

All non-IRP qualifying charter buses travelling intrastate (not traveling out of Ohio) will continue to be registered with standard commercial bus registration.

Summary

Ohio will now capture the vehicle type designation “CH” on the vehicle registration to distinguish the charter buses from other commercially registered buses.

Ohio Revised Code 4501.01 (GG) defines a “chartered party” as “a group of persons who contract as a group to acquire the exclusive use of a passenger-carrying motor vehicle at a fixed charge for the vehicle in accordance with the carrier's tariff, lawfully on file with the United States department of transportation, for the purpose of group travel to a specified destination or for a particular itinerary, either agreed upon in advance or modified by the chartered group after having left the place of origin.”

What is IRP?

The International Registration Plan (IRP) is a cooperative registration agreement among all of the states in the continental United States, the District of Columbia and the following Canadian provinces:

Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Newfoundland/Labrador, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.



The IRP allows for a carrier to register in their base (home) jurisdiction and receive one registration for all jurisdictions, rather than registering with each individual jurisdiction separately. Only one license plate and one cab card are issued for each vehicle.

The IRP registration fees are based on the distance operated in each jurisdiction. Registration fees are paid to the base jurisdiction and distributed to all other jurisdictions in which the vehicles operated. This is called “apportioned” registration.

How does IRP work?

When a new IRP carrier registers for the first time, a fee is paid to each jurisdiction in the Plan which allows the carrier to operate in all jurisdictions throughout the registration period.

On subsequent renewals, registration fees are calculated based on actual miles traveled in a jurisdiction during the mileage reporting period. All jurisdictions will be displayed on the Carriers cab card throughout the registration year.

Qualifying Vehicles

“Apportionable Vehicle” means (except as provided below) any Power Unit that is used or intended for use in two or more Member Jurisdictions and that is used for the transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and:

(i) has two Axles and a gross Vehicle weight or registered gross Vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds (11,793.401 kilograms), or

(ii) has three or more Axles, regardless of weight, or

(iii) is used in combination, when the gross Vehicle weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds (11,793.401 kilograms)

Impact

- Beginning on January 1, 2016, in order to operate a charter bus interstate, a company will need to register their buses with IRP registration & apportioned license plates or purchase trip permits for each jurisdiction they intend to travel through
- Apportioned charter buses are registered under the Full Reciprocity Plan (FRP). All jurisdictions will be listed on the cab card
- IRP qualified charter bus companies traveling interstate will be required to obtain apportioned registration. Contact the Ohio IRP Processing Center at 800-477-0007.

Frequently Asked Questions

- *When is the Form BMV 5712 required?*
 - The BMV 5712 is now required for all commercial base bus registration transactions (including charter buses).
- *What vehicles are impacted by this change?*
 - All commercial buses used in the transportation of chartered parties will receive the vehicle type registration code “CH”. Commercial buses that qualify as an apportioned vehicle are required to obtain IRP registration or trip permits if traveling outside of Ohio. There are no other changes to the vehicle registration process for commercial buses.
- *What is considered a charter bus?*
 - A commercial bus that is contracted for the use of transporting a chartered party group to a specified destination or for a particular itinerary for payment.

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Which buses should be registered with the International Registration Plan (IRP)?*
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- *What is a trip permit?*
 - *A trip permit is a short-term registration option for IRP qualified vehicles that do not have an apportioned registration. The company or the driver must secure a trip permit prior to entering all jurisdictions. Trip permits may be purchased from any Trip Permit Agent. A listing of Agents may be found at www.bmv.ohio.gov/irp_trip_permit_agents.stm*
- *Will the registration fees change when registered as a charter bus?*
 - *Yes, IRP registration fees will change for Ohio based carriers obtaining an apportionable registration. Please contact the Ohio IRP office at 1-800-477-0007 or www.OHCORS.com. Non-IRP registered vehicles will not experience any change in fees.*

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Does the inspection requirement change for a charter bus?*
 - The Ohio bus inspection requirements and processes will not be impacted.
- *Can a charter bus be registered with special or personalized license plates?*
 - IRP does not issue special or personalized plates. Logo plates are an option for companies with 50 or more units.

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Can I renew my commercial bus as a Charter Bus?*
- *A customer may renew a commercial bus registration as a charter bus at any Deputy Registrar.*
- *An apportioned commercial charter bus registration must be obtained at any IRP office.*

- *What is the contact information for IRP?*
- *The Ohio IRP office can be reached at 1-800-477-0007. Additional information can be found online at www.OHCORS.com.*

Important Contact Information

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Here is a listing of federal and state agencies phone numbers and websites:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles IRP Offices

Columbus - Canton - Findlay - Monroe

614-777-8400

1-800-477-0007

www.OHCORS.com

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

USDOT Operating Authority Number & USDOT Number Biennial Update

1-800-832-5660

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/get-mc-number-authority-operate>

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/updating-your-registration>

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Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) Form 2290

1-866-699-4096

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Form-2290,-Heavy-Highway-Vehicle-Use-Tax-Return>

Questions?

Thank You!