

# UCR Fees to Increase

## Revenue Collections Fall Short for the third straight year

The FMCSA is proposing new fees and fee brackets for motor carriers, motor private carriers, freight forwarders, brokers and leasing companies under the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) program for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2010. According to information provided by the UCR Board of Directors (see chart below), each year since 2007, revenue collections have fallen short by roughly 28%. Monies collected by the program are intended to fund State safety programs, as well as other transportation expenses.

Year	State Revenue Entitlement	Entities Registered	Revenue Received	Revenue Shortfall
2007	\$101,772,400	237,157	\$73,937,310	\$27,835,090
2008	107,777,060	270,794	76,617,155	31,159,905
2009	107,777,060	282,483	77,148,988	30,628,072

*\* Does not include estimated administrative expenses and revenue reserve that are included in the overall revenue target.*

One big difference to the newly proposed plan is the amended definition of a commercial motor vehicle. Under the proposed plan, a commercial motor vehicle is a self-propelled vehicle whereas in the current and previous years, it included both self-propelled and towed vehicles (trailers). So, beginning next year the fee will be levied only on powered equipment. The proposed fees and bracket changes are listed below.

Vehicles	Fees	
	Old	New
Up to 2	\$39	\$87
3-5	116	258
6-20	231	514
21-100	806	1,793
101-1000	3,840	8,541
1001-200k	37,500	83,412

The proposed plan was published in the September 3rd issue of the Federal Register and the public comment period was extended through September 28. FMCSA is directed to set the fees within 90 days after receiving the Board's recommendation and after the public comment period. A decision on the proposal is expected before year's end.

The UCR Program is a Federally-mandated, state-administered program that went into effect September 10, 2007. Motor carriers, motor private carriers, freight forwarders, leasing companies and brokers based in the United States, Canada and Mexico, or any other country that operate in interstate or international commerce in the United States must register under the UCR program. The UCR program is a Base-State system, under which a carrier pays UCR fees through its Base State on behalf of all participating states.