

PRISM News

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Biennial Update

Failing to update registration information on a biennial basis is still one of the most common reasons that carriers are denied the opportunity to register their vehicles or have their registrations suspended.

Please inform your customers that this can easily be avoided. As soon as your customer receives the notification letter from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) that its biennial update is coming due, direct them to complete the MCS-150 form. Updating registration information only takes a few minutes.

Please note: On October 23, 2015, the FMCSA will require all entities requesting USDOT Number and Operating Authority Registration or providing other updates to the Agency to do so through the Unified Registration System (URS) electronic online registration process, using the MCSA-1 form.

The MCSA-1 form will replace the MCS-150 and OP-1 forms (with the exception of MX Long Haul carriers).



Also, please stress to your customers that they will need a Portal account with FMCSA to access URS. Here is available online training as a resource:

<https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/training/Company.html>



Motor Carrier Responsible for Safety

All IRP commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) registered within a PRISM State must have a motor carrier responsible for safety (MCRS) assigned to it.

If the MCRS is not going to change during the registration period, the carrier information will be printed on the cab card. However, if the MCRS is going to change during the registration period, that information will not be placed on the cab card. This means the driver must have in his or her possession appropriate documentation to present when stopped at the roadside.

It is important for IRP account holders to notify their IRP offices when the MCRS changes from an OOS carrier to another carrier.

Otherwise, the carrier will continue to be stopped when traveling the interstate, due to the vehicle data still being linked to the OOS carrier. Please note that owner operators might change their MCRS often.

FY 2015 Reviews

PRISM Implementation Reviews are the opportunity to assess the implementation of PRISM. The review helps both FMCSA and State Partners to track progress of a State's accomplishments in PRISM. The factors that determine which States should have a review are:

- Upgrades to the IRP System
- State reached new milestone in PRISM program
- State requested assistance
- State hasn't had a review in over 4 years

Seven PRISM Implementation Reviews have been assigned for fiscal year 2015. As of date, Ohio, Missouri, Minnesota and Texas have been completed.

Three remain and will be conducted by the end of the fiscal year:

Kansas (June 3 Off-site)
Vermont (June 16 On-site)
Oklahoma (during 4th quarter)

Quarterly Reports

Please remember to complete your PRISM Quarterly Report of denials and suspensions, and send to Monique Riddick at Monique.riddick@dot.gov and to the FMCSA Division Office in your State.

This information is vital in our efforts to track the impact of the program. The form is distributed towards the end of each quarter.



On average, States only provided quarterly reports for 2 of the 4 reporting periods over the past 12 months.

Feel free to contact Monique to see if any data in your State needs to be updated, or to obtain the latest copy of the form as shown below.



Visits to Non-PRISM States

Three non-PRISM States were visited in December and January.

- Michigan
- Nevada
- Wyoming

The PRISM Team discussed the overall PRISM program, its benefits, and the next steps to take to join PRISM. The States were very receptive to the information and subsequently submitted applications for PRISM grants.

If these applications are approved, there will only be Oregon and Hawaii remaining as non-PRISM States.

The PRISM Team included:

Bill Mahorney
(Chief, Enforcement Division)

Monique Riddick
(PRISM Program Manager)

Dennis Piccolo
(PRISM Technical Support Team Manager)

PRISM Implementation Status Quarterly Report Denials and Suspensions/Revocations

Provide the dates of the quarter reported: **January 1, 2015** through **March 31, 2015**

State Reporting: **PRISM Example State**

Reporting Date: **April 7, 2015**

IRP Representative: **Julianne Carson**

Please enter the total number of denials and suspension/revocations for the period resulting from a safety check or the daily alert report.*

Federal Out-of-Service Order Reason (MCSIP Step)	Suspensions/Revocations		Denials
	Number of Carriers	Number of Vehicles	Number of Carriers
Imminent Hazard (Step 54 & 60)	0	0	1
Unsat/Unfit (Step 55 & 61)	2	2	1
Non-Payment of Fines (Step 57 & 62)	1	3	2
New Entrant Revocations (Step 56 & 58 & 63 & 64 & 67 & 68)	4	9	0
Operating Without Authority (Step 65 & 66)	0	0	0
Biennial Update Not Completed (Step 52)	0	0	4

*This includes denials when the registrant was deemed a reincarnation/affiliation of a motor carrier under a Federal out-of-service order.

Note: For suspensions, enter the total number of carriers and vehicles