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## JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

### Road Check will take place June 6-8, 2017

#### IRP JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018 RENEWALS



June 2018 IRP license/tag fees are due at ADOT by June 30th. We would like all

payments in our office no later than Thursday, June 8th, to give us time to process the necessary paperwork and get it to the state on time. Payments paid to ADOT after June 30th are subject to an \$8.00 penalty per unit per month. It is very important that your renewal request be processed and submitted to ADOT as soon as possible as ADOT WILL NOT EXTEND A GRACE PERIOD. All apportioned plates that expire on June 30, WILL expire on that day.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If your apportioned plates expire in June and you have not yet sent us your purple renewal sheet, please send it to us as soon as possible to avoid future complications. If you need one, please contact Janet, Vanessa, or Alma in our office, or print one from the forms page on our website.

Payments made to TCS in the final week of expiration have limited processing times and may result in your credentials being issued AFTER the expiration date. As we get closer to the expiration date, processing time increases significantly.

Please submit proof of payment of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT or 2290 tax). This is required in order for TCS to issue any registration credentials on vehicles over 55,000 GVW.

**REMINDERS:** If you do not want TCS to do your IRP renewal, give us a call

**PAYMENT REMINDER:** As we cannot issue payment checks to ADOT or any other agency until the funds are



available to us by our bank, there will sometimes be a waiting period for your credentials, depending on your chosen method of payment to TCS. Check our

website or talk with Crystal regarding your payment options.

Note: If you submit your renewal sheet to TCS for processing and then choose not to renew through us, TCS's service fees will be assessed for processing the renewal and reversing ADOT's invoice.

#### 2290 TAX (HVUT)

**Reminder:** If you have bought a **NEW** truck over 55,000 GVW, you must file and pay your 2290 tax by the end of the month following the date of the purchase.

**EXAMPLE:** You purchased a new truck over 55,000 GVW on May 15. The 2290 tax is due before June 30.

#### ROADCHECK 2017

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 30th annual International Road check will take place June 6-8, 2017.

The vehicle inspection will include a check of the brake system, exhaust system, fuel system, suspension, lights, and tires.

**The emphasis this year is cargo securement.** While checking for compliance with safe cargo securement regulations is always part of roadside inspections, CVSA is highlighting cargo securement safety this year as a reminder of its importance to highway safety.

#### ADOT Reminder

Every Arizona licensed IFTA carrier must prepare and submit a quarterly Arizona IFTA Tax Report. The quarterly reports must reflect miles and gallons for all IFTA jurisdictions traveled. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to comply with the IFTA Agreements and make sure all reports are filed.

**NOTE:** ADOT has a policy concerning quarterly IFTA tax reports: Any reports not filed or paid late during the year could result in ADOT requiring you to post a bond and pay a \$50.00 late fee in order for

you to receive additional IFTA stickers, your next IFTA license, or even to register another truck.

If you have a bond with ADOT and you are late paying your IFTA taxes, you will have to attend a hearing to justify why you should be able to keep your IFTA. If you do not attend the hearing, ADOT will revoke your IFTA license for 6 months.

#### ARIZONA IFTA BONDS

If you have paid for an Arizona IFTA bond for 3 consecutive years, and you have filed your quarterly IFTA reports on time, you may not need to renew the bond. You will need to write a letter to ADOT requesting to be released from the bond requirement. If you are not sure how long you have been renewing, give us a call and we can check with ADOT for you. Neither ADOT nor the bonding company will notify you that you have paid for 3 years and may not need to renew your bond.

#### No Cash for New Mexico Permits

Beginning July 1, the Ports of Entry will no longer accept cash for permits. Please keep in mind that TCS can purchase ALL permits ahead of time or you can go online at <https://mtdpermits.dps.state.nm.us>. This includes Over Size/Over Weight permits, trip and fuel permits, caravan permits and others. The Ports of Entry will continue selling most permit types as well, but will not be accepting cash after July 1. If you would like to save time please contact TCS extension 210 for assistance setting up an account and ordering a permit. The New Mexico permit office can be reached directly at 505-476-2475.

#### An Important Note From D & A EXPERTS

**Dealing with Prescription painkiller abuse in the workplace:** The misuse and abuse of prescription painkillers by

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employees continues to adversely impact workplace safety, employee productivity, and health-care costs across the country. Last year, more than 7 million Americans reported using prescription drugs in ways other than prescribed. Prescription painkillers now contribute to more deaths than any other type of drug in the U.S.

Many employees suffer from addiction to drugs like OxyContin, Vicodin, and Percocet, and the majority of these workers never intended or expected to become addicted to their prescription medication. Sadly, use of the drug and the subsequent addiction began after being injured in a work place accident.

A large part of the problem is due to prescription painkillers being overprescribed by physicians in the United States. OxyContin has been found to be the top drug prescribed in workers' compensation claims, and prescription drugs account for more than 19% of workers' compensation medical costs in America.

The misuse and abuse of prescription painkillers at work results in unnecessary workplace risks. Employees who are addicted to prescription drugs are often injured while driving to and from work and/or operating company vehicles and machinery. The abuse of these drugs results in critical errors, and hurts productivity due to reductions in pace, focus, and concentration.

**Employer Response:**

Companies can help reduce the problem's caused by prescription drug abuse by partnering with the company's health plan provider and requesting that the provider help monitor and intervene on the use of these prescription drugs. Employers can also revise the company substance abuse policy and include a "pre-duty disclosure no-tice" that requires employees to report their use of any medications that might cause drowsiness or impairment. Drug testing programs can be revised to include testing for the most commonly prescribed opioid painkillers, and employees should be educated on the safe storage and proper disposal of these medications. Workers

should be told to never share these powerfully addictive drugs with others, and employees who are suffering from addiction or dependency should be made aware of the company Employee Assistance Program.

Information provided by: **D&A EXPERTS (866) 896-0603**

**TCS will be closed Tuesday July 4<sup>TH</sup> in observance of Independence Day**

**Telephone Extensions**

- Alma (registration & titles) – 208
- Crystal (accounting & 2290 tax) – 204
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**JUNE 2017**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>June renewal registrations must be in your vehicles by midnight June 30</b>					<b>June IRP renewal sheets must be received by TCS</b>	
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4	<b>If TCS prepares your fuel tax reports, all trip sheets through May need to be turned into TCS</b>		7	<b>June IRP Renewal payment must be received by TCS</b>		10
	5	6		8	9	
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<b>Father's Day</b>						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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The following was in the online newsletter for June 2016 but did not see where it got moved over to 2017. Kept in the 2017 on line version.

## **IRP JULY 2017 - JUNE 2018 RENEWALS**

**SPECIAL NOTE ON REGISTRATIONS:** Additional fees may be due to obtain ADOT's authorization to release credentials.

(2290's were in the newsletter but not the Insurance) Insurance & 2290: Please submit proof of insurance to TCS with a current certificate of insurance for your vehicle(s) registration. MVD requires TCS to retain the certificate for file purposes. Also, proof of payment of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT or 2290 tax) is required in order for TCS to issue any registration credentials on vehicles over 55,000 GVW.

**REMINDERS:** IRP's processing time is a minimum of three days. As we get closer to the expiration date, processing time increases significantly.

### **ADDITIONAL FUEL TAX SERVICE FEE**

Reminder, an additional charge will be imposed upon customers turning in trip sheets late. For example, this last quarter, we had a high percentage of people turning in January, February, and March trip sheets into our office for processing the last two weeks of April. Although we only guarantee anything turned in by the 10th will be completed on time, our fuel tax preparers take the extra effort to process as many as they possibly can by the due date.

Turning in trip sheets late severely increases the processing time as the workload is tripled at the last minute. We ask that trip sheets be turned into our office no later than the 10th of each month for the previous month. (January trip sheets should be in our office by February 10th, February trip sheets should be in our office by March 10th, etc.). Trip sheets turned in late will incur an additional processing fee.

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