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JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER

2290 TAXES ARE DUE TO THE IRS NO LATER THAN 8/31/17

**IRP OCTOBER 2017 TO
 SEPTEMBER 2018 RENEWALS**



Fleet IRP renewals will need to be processed with ADOT for those that expire on September 30, 2017. If your apportioned plates expire in September, there should be a yellow renewal information sheet included with this newsletter. If TCS has failed to provide a renewal request, please contact Janet, Vanessa, or Alma in our office so they can mail or fax one to you. You can also download one from the forms page of our web site. It is very important that your renewal request be processed and submitted to ADOT no later than the end of this month. ADOT WILL NOT EXTEND ANY GRACE PERIOD. All apportioned plates that expire on September 30, 2017 WILL expire on that day.

Please submit proof of the 2017/2018 Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT or 2290 tax). This is required in order for TCS to issue any registration credentials on vehicles over 54,999 GVW. Also keep in mind you do need your regular vehicle insurance at all times.

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.

REMINDER: IRP's processing time is a minimum of 3 days. As we get closer to the expiration date, processing time increases significantly. If you do not want TCS to do your IRP renewal, give us a call.

2290 TAX (HVUT)

The Federal Highway Use Tax (Form 2290) is due and must be filed and paid no later than August 31, 2017.

The IRS no longer mails a tax form to be used when filing your 2290 tax. You can get the form at <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f2290.pdf> or from the forms page of our website www.tcsphoenix.com. Every power unit that exceeds a GVW (registered) of 54,999# must be reported. The IRS accepts payment through the mail, by hand delivery, or electronically. **Remember, a copy of the 2017/2018 stamped 2290 paid receipt with**

the VIN # will be required when processing your renewal registration.

If you are already set up for TCS to process this for you, your 2290 billing invoice from us should be included with this statement. If you are not already set up for TCS to process for you and would like to be, or did not receive your invoice, please contact Janet in our office.

2nd QUARTER FUEL TAXES

2nd quarter fuel taxes are due this month. Please try to get your trip sheets into our office by July 5th to insure the timely filing of your taxes. Remember, trip sheets are processed as they are received. If you have not operated for any period of time, please be sure to note it on your trip sheets or call Nancy, Mary Jo, Elina, or Elva and have them file zeros or "no operations" for you.

IMPORTANT: If you stopped running in the middle of the month, or anytime at all during the month, you must write a note on your trip sheet that there will be no more trips for that month. Do not assume your fuel tax preparer will know! **EXAMPLE:** If your last trip ends on the 20th, your tax preparer will hold your trip sheets waiting for the last week, thus making your taxes late and penalties due! Also, please forward any tax forms to us that you received at your residence well before the tax deadline of July 31st. The ADOT penalty alone for a late IFTA report is a \$50.00 late fee plus 1% of the tax due.

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.

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.

An Important Note From D & A EXPERTS

Common Drugs of Abuse at Work
 The DTI report revealed that the rates of heroin and amphetamine use have increased annually over the past five years. Amphetamine-positive rates in- creased 44%, and heroin rates in- creased 146% since 2011. This data is reinforced by research from the National Drug Intelligence Center, which also

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shows a marked increase in heroin use in America.

Cocaine-positive rates in the general U.S. workforce also increased over the past two years. The positivity rate for cocaine in urine tests increased by over 9% and by more than 30% in oral fluid tests year over year.

It appears that these dangerous drugs are making a comeback, and increased use of these substances results in impaired physical and cognitive functions that should cause employers and supervisors great concern. Workers who abuse drugs pose significant problems for their employers, supervisors, and coworkers. These problems can include reduced job performance, less productivity, increased absenteeism, tardiness, high turnover, and increased medical and workers' compensation bills. Employees who abuse drugs can also make a workplace more volatile and more dangerous, and they can expose employers to legal liability.

In addition to the street drugs mentioned above, the abuse of prescription drugs has also soared in recent years, coming in second only to marijuana use as the nation's most commonly abused drug. One in three individuals who report that they recently

started abusing drugs said that they began by misusing a prescription drug, and prescription drug abuse has become extremely costly for employers.

The New York Times has reported that workplace insurers (i.e., workers' compensation program underwriters) spend an estimated \$1.4 billion on narcotic painkillers (opiates or opioids) annually, and insurers have found that workers who received high doses of these pain medicines often take far longer to recover than those who did not receive those drugs. Accident Fund Holdings, a multi-state insurer, has concluded that the overall cost to treat a workplace injury is nine times higher than the cost to treat a similar injury when a strong narcotic like OxyContin is prescribed.

While the use and abuse of prescription drugs and dangerous street drugs has increased, marijuana remains the most commonly detected drug of abuse in workplace tests, and positive rates for marijuana have increased 26% since 2011. Almost half of employees in the U.S. workforce with a positive drug test showed evidence of marijuana use. This may be due in part to the normalization of marijuana use by the media along with the legalization and commercialization of

marijuana in America. This steady increase in marijuana-positive rates in the U.S. workforce is consistent with data from other reports, including the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

**Information provided by: D&A EXPERTS
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TCS will be closed Tuesday July 4TH in observance of Independence Day

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- Crystal (accounting & 2290 tax) – 204
- Curt – 212
- Elina (fuel taxes) – 202
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IMPORTANT !!! September IRP Renewal sheets must be turned in to our office no later than July 15th to assure that TCS and ADOT have sufficient time to prepare your paperwork and get your renewal credentials back to you before your current credentials expire !!!						1
2	3	TCS Closed for Independence Day Holiday	If TCS prepares your fuel tax reports, all trip sheets through June need to be turned in to TCS	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	Monday July 31st: Quarterly mileage tax due for IFTA, KY, NY, & NM. If you file monthly for Oregon, this is also due.	28	August 31st: Oregon Quarterly mileage tax is due.
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