



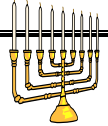
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DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Have a safe and happy holiday season



2018 IFTA RENEWALS

We **MUST** have your IFTA renewal payment, signed ADOT Power of Attorney, and signed Record Keeping Agreement in our office as soon as possible if you have not already done so. **There is no grace period after December 31, 2017.**

If TCS has not invoiced you and/or you have not paid TCS to do this for you, please contact Janet or Vanessa in our office to have this taken care of as soon as possible. If you do not receive your IFTA decals by 12/20/17, please contact Janet or Vanessa in our office.

insurance for your vehicle(s) registration. MVD requires TCS to retain the certificate for file purposes.

REMINDER: IRP's processing time is a minimum of three days and that time significantly increases as we get closer to the expiration date.

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

TCS PAYMENT OPTIONS

Due to changes in banking practices, our availability to funds deposited is limited. 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. See our website for a guide to any waiting period you may incur between your payment to TCS and the processing of your credentials. This schedule is subject to change as banking practices are adjusted.

UCR 2018 Registration Delayed Until Further Notice

From the UCR Board of Directors: The Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Board of Directors is delaying until further notice the start of the 2018 registration period while the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) completes the rulemaking process for 2018 fees. Due to this unanticipated further delay, UCR is recommending to all states that the enforcement period for 2018 compliance not begin until 90 days after the final rulemaking is published.

ADOT NOW REQUIRES E-MAIL ADDRESSES

All IFTA/IRP accounts now require a current e-mail address. Please sign and return the e-mail designation form enclosed with last month's newsletter or you can download one from the forms page at www.tcsphoenix.com.

OREGON HIGHWAY USE TAX TO INCREASE JANUARY 1, 2018

This increase will affect those with a tax declared weight of 26,001 pounds or more. For example, a truck with a declared combined weight of 80,000 pounds will pay \$0.2048 per mile; compared to the current rate of \$0.1638. For example, California to Washington on I-5 (one way) will increase from \$50.78 to \$63.49. Be sure to factor in this extra cost when accepting loads.

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 November 15th. The 2290 tax is due before December 31st. **THIS IS REQUIRED TO RENEW YOUR REGISTRATION FOR 2018!**

FUEL TAX SVC CUSTOMERS

REMINDER: According to IFTA rules and regulations, your IFTA license may be revoked for not using odometer readings per state. Some of you that are not currently using odometer readings should consider using them as soon as possible.

IRP JANUARY 2018 TO DECEMBER 2018 RENEWALS

All December IRP license/tag fees are due at ADOT by Friday 12/29/17. As we do not process on Friday, our last day of processing renewals is Thursday 12/28/17. We would like all payments in our office by Monday December 11th to give us time to process the necessary paperwork and get your credentials issued on time. Payments to ADOT after December 31st are subject to an \$8.00 penalty per unit.

There is no grace period on your registration cards or tags. If they expire on December 31, 2017, your 2018 credentials must be in your possession by January 1, 2018.

INSURANCE: Please submit proof of insurance to TCS with a current certificate of

Special Note: If you are having problems filing your 2290 return in a timely matter, it is better to file the return directly to the IRS without payment, than to not file it at all. Penalties and interest accrue on late returns regardless if the return was remitted with payment or not; although, if filed without payment, penalties and interest will be significantly less than if not filed at all. Payment options are available to be set up directly with the IRS if you are not able to pay the 2290 when due. IRS locations for 2290 are 4041 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85012 or 7350 W. Camino San Xavier Glendale, AZ 85308. You may also contact the IRS at 1-800-829-4933.

FUEL TAX SERVICE BILLING: If you consider it a nuisance to write out a check each month for your fuel tax service, why not consider quarterly billing? You would then be billed at the beginning of each quarter (rather than the beginning of each month). Because you are a fuel tax service customer, you will still receive a monthly newsletter even if you have no balance due. If you would like to change to quarterly billing, please call Crystal in our billing department.

TCS OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

TRIP SHEETS VS THE U.S. MAIL

Nearly every quarter, we have to call fuel tax customers to ask if they have sent their trip sheets to us and often we will get an answer like this, "We sent them three weeks ago. Didn't you get them?" The reality is that regular mail can get lost, particularly if there is no return address. These valuable documents (trip sheets) often cannot be duplicated, which is why we suggest that you either make complete copies of your trip sheets and fuel receipts before you mail them or send them certified mail. In either case, make sure your return address is on the envelope.

TCS SERVICE FEES INCREASE

Effective January 1st, 2018 TCS will increase our service fees for Permits/Authority, IRP, and 2290.

Telephone Extensions

- Crystal (accounting & 2290 tax) – 204
- Curt – 212
- Elina (fuel taxes) – 202
- Elva (fuel taxes) – 209
- Janet (registration & 2290 tax) – 203
- Mary Jo (fuel taxes) – 214
- Myriam – 207
- Nancy (fuel taxes) – 206
- Rocio (authority) – 210
- Rosemary – 211
- Vanessa (registration & titles) – 213

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

TCS will be closed at noon on Friday December 22nd and all day Monday December 25th for the Christmas Holiday. We will again be closed at noon on Friday December 29th and all day Monday January 1st for the New Year's Holiday.



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Newsletters * State Links * Federal Links * and more - Trip sheets, Renewal and Federal forms are now available on our website. Let us know what you would like to see on our website.

DECEMBER 2017

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If TCS prepares your fuel tax reports, all trip sheets through November need to be turned into TCS						2
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24/31	Christmas Day - TCS Closed 	25	26	27	28	29
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