



Indiana Department of Revenue Motor Carrier Services

The Motor Carrier Services (MCS) department is a specialized business unit within the Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) providing support to motor carrier companies in Indiana and beyond.

DOR's MCS is recognized as the nation's premier provider – public or private – of services to the motor carrier industry, serving 22% of all interstate power units over 11,001 lbs. in the United States and Canada. DOR accomplished this by utilizing custom-built systems for online transactions and employing a unique “one-stop-shop” location with more than 75 professionals dedicated to assisting customers. Our dedicated team of service professionals provides support through the administration of state and federal laws that govern the use of Indiana's roads.

In Fiscal Year 2025, taxes and fees processed by MCS brought more than \$369 million to the State of Indiana.

MCS departments

Registrations

- International Registration Plan (IRP)
- Base Plate Registrations (BPR)

Title Processing

Fuel Tax

- International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)
- Motor Carrier Fuel Tax (MCFT)

Oversize/Overweight Permitting

Indiana Operating Authority (IOA)

- Passenger and Household Goods
- Unified Carrier Registration (UCR)

MCS's Top Customers



Award-Winning Culture

DOR's MCS Team



In 2025, the Indiana Department of Revenue was again recognized locally and nationally as a Top Workplace by the IndyStar and Top Workplaces USA for seven years straight!



MCS receives the highest safety rating

Motor Carrier Services achieved the highest registration safety rating possible through the Performance and Registration Information Systems Management program. PRISM is a key component of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's mission to reduce the number of commercial motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities.

Indiana is only the second state to reach this compliance rating. MCS' Expanded PRISM program makes Indiana roads safer by identifying and stopping motor carriers with serious safety deficiencies.



Registering & Titling Power Units & Trailers

Motor carriers must register their power units through the International Registration Plan (IRP), for interstate vehicles, or the Indiana Base Plate Registration plan (BPR), for intrastate vehicles.

DOR's MCS team provides both registration and titling services for all carriers that choose to register in Indiana. DOR also collaborates with BMV to support titling, registration and tolling operations.

In FY 2025, DOR worked with more than 10,400 transportation business to process over 103,000 titles and provide registration services to more than 1.7 million vehicles/trailers.

MCS's IRP team is recognized as an industry leader across the United States and Canada, collecting over \$946 million in IRP fees from Indiana-based carriers. These fees are distributed to each jurisdiction through the IRP clearing house based on miles traveled within each state. Indiana retains more than \$234 million in IRP funds that are used to build and maintain Indiana roads.

MCS's BPR program saw significant expansion in FY 2025, registering nearly 75,000 intrastate vehicles for nearly 2,400 Indiana customers. This resulted in nearly \$28 million in intrastate registration fees. The BPR program is expected to expand even further in 2027, slated to bring in an estimated 13,000 additional customers with over 27,000 vehicles.



More than
1.7M
vehicles
registered



More than
10,400
transportation
businesses served



Fuel Tax Administration

Motor carriers who travel in or through Indiana pay fuel taxes either through the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA), for interstate vehicles, or the Indiana Motor Carrier Fuel Tax program (MCFT), for intrastate vehicles.

IFTA fuel taxes are distributed through the IFTA clearing house to each state based on miles driven within that state (including Indiana). MCFT taxes remain in Indiana. In FY 2025, DOR served over 10,000 fuel tax customers and issued nearly 660,000 fuel tax decals.



Working with the Motor Carrier Services (MCS) Division of Indiana Department of Revenue is a great reminder of why Indiana leads the nation in commercial vehicle registrations. Centered around their "one stop shop" philosophy, the MCS employees regularly set the standard for first class efficiency and customer service. Motor carriers within our association as well as from across the nation regularly share the positive experiences from their interactions with MCS. There are a lot of moving parts and a lot of opportunities for unexpected challenges and the MCS employees pride themselves in managing those situations in a way that is seamless to the customer.

- Gary Langston, Indiana Motor Truck Association



Oversize/Overweight Vehicle Permitting

DOR's MCS team works collaboratively with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Indiana State Police (ISP) to ensure motor carriers are compliant with Indiana road and bridge restrictions and that loads are moved within and through Indiana safely.



more than
\$34 Million
collected
OSOW
permit fees

MCS permitting specialists and INDOT bridge engineers work with carriers to build route plans and issue permits. Information is shared with ISP to support weigh station and trooper safety, and compliance enforcement. MCS also issues and collects civil penalties for ISP citations.

Developed in partnership with the Indiana State Police and INDOT, Indiana's Oversize/Overweight (OSW) permitting system replaced the legacy system to improve routing accuracy and turnaround time. Automated permit approvals rose from 50% to 99% since being implemented in 2021. Ninety-nine percent of automated permits are approved in less than one hour.

In FY 2025, the division issued over 423,000 permits and collected \$34 million in permitting fees for INDOT.



Insurance & Safety Programs

DOR's MCS insurance and safety team supports the Indiana infrastructure that enables safety and compliance communication with the Indiana State Police and the Federal Highway Administration.



15,900
customers
served

This team provides information and resources for carriers about:

- obtaining and renewing USDOT numbers;
- complying with federal marking requirements;
- meeting Unified Carrier Registration requirements;
- intrastate passenger or household goods authority details;
- federal operating authority information; and
- insurance filing requirements.



More than
9.5 B
miles logged
on Indiana
roadways by
commercial
drivers annually

Each year this team works with nearly 2,000 new Indiana carriers to register for either intrastate or UCR (Unified Carrier Registration).

IRP System Services for Louisiana

When an IRP system vendor suddenly exited the industry, Louisiana was in desperate need of a new system. They reached out to DOR for help.

Under House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1311, DOR was able to support Louisiana by distributing access to Indiana's IRP system. Implemented in December 2017, Louisiana staff continue to provide high-quality registration services to their motor carriers using a version of the Indiana's system resulting in over \$3.3 million in additional revenue for the Motor Carrier Regulation Fund.

