Trucking Compliance Calendar

Every recurring deadline for an interstate carrier on one page, plus fill-in tables for the driver and vehicle dates that are different for every company.

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Fixed dates through the year

When	What is due	Done
January 15	Q4 federal estimated tax payment (Form 1040-ES)	
January 31	IFTA Q4 return; quarterly state mileage taxes (for example NM, KY, NY)	
End of February	Last day to display prior-year IFTA license and decals	
April 15	Q1 estimated tax payment; income tax return	
April 30	IFTA Q1 return; quarterly state mileage taxes	
June 15	Q2 estimated tax payment	
July 1	Form 2290 tax period begins (July 1 to June 30)	
July 31	IFTA Q2 return; quarterly state mileage taxes	
August 31	Form 2290 due for vehicles in use in July	
September 15	Q3 estimated tax payment	
October 1	UCR registration opens for next year	
October 31	IFTA Q3 return; quarterly state mileage taxes	
November to December	Renew IFTA license and decals (new decals can go on from November 1)	
December 31	Register and pay UCR for next year (before January 1)	

A due date on a weekend or holiday usually moves to the next business day. Oregon weight-mile tax is usually monthly; New York HUT can be monthly or annual depending on tax owed.

Company dates

USDOT number (last digit = month, next-to-last digit odd/even = year of MCS-150 update) _____

Next MCS-150 biennial update due _____

IRP renewal month (base state schedule) _____

Insurance renewal date _____

Other state permits and renewal dates _____

FMCSA has temporarily paused enforcement of MCS-150 biennial updates due on or after June 1, 2026 during its Motus rollout. The requirement still exists.

Driver dates

Driver	Annual MVR review due	Clearinghouse query due	Medical cert expires	CDL expires

Random tests: spread through the year. 2026 minimum rates: 50 percent drugs, 10 percent alcohol.

Vehicle dates

Truck or trailer	Annual inspection due	Next service	Plate or permit renewal

Good to know

- [ ] MC authority does not expire and a BOC-3 does not need renewing.
- [ ] Authority stays active only while insurance is on file; a cancellation takes effect 30 days after the insurer files it.
- [ ] Keep logs and supporting documents 6 months, DVIRs 3 months, annual inspection reports 14 months.

Resources

Read the full guide: Trucking Compliance Calendar (guide) (https://opentruckingcompany.com/guides/trucking-compliance-calendar)

FREE DOWNLOADS

- Driver qualification file checklist (PDF) – Annual review log for each driver.
  https://opentruckingcompany.com/downloads/driver-qualification-file-checklist.pdf

OFFICIAL FORMS AND LOOKUPS

- UCR fee brackets – Current UCR fees by fleet size.
  https://plan.ucr.gov/fee-brackets/
- IRS: Instructions for Form 2290 – Due dates and filing rules.
  https://www.irs.gov/instructions/i2290
- IFTA, Inc. – IFTA rules and base state contacts.
  https://www.iftach.org/
- IRP, Inc. – Find your base jurisdiction's renewal schedule.
  https://www.irponline.org/
- FMCSA: Temporary suspension of the biennial update requirement – Current MCS-150 enforcement status.
  https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/temporary-suspension-biennial-update-requirement
- IRS: Estimated taxes – Quarterly payment dates.
  https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/estimated-taxes
- FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse – Annual driver queries.
  https://clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/

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