



## Vehicle registration & licensing

# Changes to the International Registration Plan (IRP)

Effective January 1, 2015, amendments to the International Registration Plan (IRP) will grant all IRP registrants full reciprocity in all member jurisdictions, once their apportioned vehicles are licensed or renewed.

### What is IRP?

The IRP is a registration/licensing reciprocity agreement among the lower 48 states of the United States, the District of Columbia and all Canadian provinces. The IRP provides for payment of registration and licence fees on the basis of fleet distance and operation weights in various jurisdictions.

Vehicles registered under the IRP display a unique licence plate labeled "apportioned" or "APP" or "PRP", and a cab card must be carried in the vehicle. Under the provisions of the IRP, motor carriers can operate in any IRP member jurisdiction displayed on the cab card up to the weights indicated, without having to obtain licensing or non-resident permits.

### Moving through 2015

Starting January 1, 2015, the changes will take effect as prorate licences are issued or renewed. The new cab cards will show all 59 IRP member jurisdictions as being authorized jurisdictions for travel. The new cab card will continue to indicate the licensed weights authorized in each jurisdiction.

Until a registrant renews in 2015, they will continue to be subject to the old system that allows travel only in member jurisdictions that were selected by the IRP registrant in advance and are displayed on the cab card.

Whether a registrant is operating under the new system or the old system, if B.C. is not shown on the cab card or the vehicle is operating at a weight in excess of the licensed weight for B.C., the vehicle operator will need to obtain a non-resident permit for operation into B.C.

### Changes will benefit IRP registrants

The most significant benefits of the changes to the IRP agreement are that:

- all 59 IRP jurisdictions display on the cab card, that is, IRP vehicles get full reciprocity
- carriers will no longer have to decide in advance which jurisdictions they will travel in when establishing or renewing their IRP fleets
- carriers will no longer need to provide estimated distances or add jurisdictions
- carriers will no longer need to purchase trip permits for temporary travel into a new jurisdiction, providing the IRP registrant is properly insured
- carriers will no longer need, for IRP purposes, to have multiple fleets each travelling in a different set of jurisdictions with different distances



## What to expect

Between January and December 2015, carriers will have a cab card that is either:

- issued under the old system, showing selected jurisdictions only with licensed weights authorized in each jurisdiction; or
- issued under the new system, showing all 59 IRP jurisdictions with licensed weights authorized in each jurisdiction.

By December 31, 2015, all 59 IRP jurisdictions will be listed on all cab cards.

As more cab cards are issued under the new system, fewer non-resident permits will be required, provided the IRP registrant is properly insured and operating within the weights displayed on the cab card.

Although full reciprocity is effective on January 1, 2015, out-of-province carriers (both IRP registrants and non-prorated carriers) are still required to have a financial responsibility filing with the ICBC Prorate Office or they must purchase the insurance portion of the non-resident commercial vehicle permit.

## Legislation and regulations

*Commercial Transport Act*, section 6 – Registration and licensing

*Commercial Transport Act*, section 10 – Prorating of fees and reciprocity of agreements

*Motor Vehicle Act*, section 106 – Proof of financial responsibility

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## Contact

If you have any questions or require further information, please review the Q&A document about the Full Reciprocity Plan that is published on the [IRP, Inc. website](#), or contact the **ICBC Prorate Department at 604-443-4450**.

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