



# South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles IRP/IFTA NEW ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

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The following document is used for reference **only**, to determine eligibility of a new IRP/IFTA account. Please read the statements below to determine if you meet the requirements.

## Part 1:

### Determining IRP eligibility

To qualify as an apportionable vehicle under the IRP, you must meet the first condition (traveling into two or more member jurisdictions, including SC, to transport persons for hire or property) AND at least one of the other conditions listed below (not all three).

Check all that apply:

- I will be traveling into two or more member jurisdictions including SC to transport persons for hire or property
- The vehicle is equipped with two axles and a GVW of over 26,000lbs
- The vehicle has 3 or more axles regardless of its GVW
- The vehicle is used in combination with a GVW of more than 26,000lbs

## Part 2:

### Determining the need for IFTA

Do you have your own DOT number, or will you be using someone else's DOT number?

- If you have your own DOT and you are running under your own authority...you **MUST** have a IFTA account
- If you are leased on to another company with the [Form IRP-9 Operational Lease Agreement](#), you have the option to allow the company to file your IFTA for you or apply for your own account

**IMPORTANT! If you decide NOT to allow the company to file your IFTA and you create your own account, you will be responsible for maintaining records and filing your quarterly taxes.**

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## Not traveling Out of State?

You may be eligible for an Intrastate plate and if applicable, apply for a trip permit to travel out of the state

**You may be eligible for an Intrastate plate if one of the following apply:**

- If you are not traveling outside of the state
- Travel out of state but your GVW is less than 26,000lbs and fewer than 3 axles
- Travel outside of the state with Trip Permits.

### Trip permit agencies

SCDMV offers trip permits for out-of-state individuals who do not have an IRP account and are traveling to or through South Carolina. If you plan to travel outside of the state without an IRP account, you will need to contact the individual states that you will travel to or through for trip permits.

## Exempt Vehicles

**These vehicles are not allowed to be registered for an IRP account**

- Recreational vehicles
- Vehicles that display restricted plates
  - A restricted plate is defined as a plate that has a time, geographic area, distance, or commodity restrictions (i.e., farm, transporter, dealer, repair, forestry, antique, or emergency-disaster plates).
- City pick-up and delivery vehicles
- Government owned vehicles
- Vehicles with a GVW of less than 26,000lbs, and fewer than 3 axels.

**Contact Motor Carrier Services at 803-896-3870 or [MCSHQ@dmv.sc.gov](mailto:MCSHQ@dmv.sc.gov) for further information on the process and requirements of obtaining an IRP/IFTA account.**