



## Charter Buses to be Covered by IRP Jan. 1, 2016

Effective Jan. 1, 2016, charter buses and motorcoaches engaged in inter-jurisdictional operations will be subject to requirements of International Registration Plan (IRP) registration.

It is recommended that charter bus operators contact the [IRP office in their base jurisdiction](#) to obtain information regarding IRP registration for buses and motorcoaches. Contact information for each jurisdiction can be found on the IRP, Inc. website at [www.irponline.org](http://www.irponline.org). Select "Online Directory" within the IRP Registration information.

**Qualifying Vehicles:** As background, this change is due to the current charter bus exemption being removed from the International Registration Plan definition of an Apportionable Vehicle. Per the governing document, the amended definition will be:

"Apportionable Vehicle" means (except as provided below) any Power Unit that is used or intended for use in two or more Member Jurisdictions and that is used for the transportation of persons for hire or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property, and:

(i) has two Axles and a gross Vehicle weight or registered gross Vehicle weight in excess of 26,000 pounds (11,793.401 kilograms), or

(ii) has three or more Axles, regardless of weight, or

(iii) is used in combination, when the gross Vehicle weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds (11,793.401 kilograms).

**About IRP:** The International Registration Plan (IRP) is a registration reciprocity agreement between states of the United States and provinces of Canada providing for payment of apportionable registration fees on the basis of total distance operated in all jurisdictions. Currently, the 48 continental United States, the District of Columbia and 10 Canadian Provinces are members of IRP and issue apportioned registration credentials.

IRP facilitates the registration of over 2.4 million commercial motor vehicles and well over 2 billion dollars in revenue for jurisdictions. IRP helps to ensure a smooth registration process and strives to positively impact safe, efficient and effective operations for commercial motor vehicles in North America.

Read more about IRP at <http://www.irponline.org/?page=Registration>.

For questions, [contact your base jurisdiction](#). For that contact information, from <http://www.irponline.org>, select jurisdiction information, jurisdiction directory, jurisdiction offices.

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