



Apportioned Plates or Commercial Plates

Who Has to Do It?

There are two main types of license plates for **commercial** trucks with a GVWR over 10,000 lbs.: **base plates** and **apportioned plates**. If your truck is **NEVER** going to leave your state, a base plate is all you will need, and the process is pretty similar to registering your personal vehicle. If you are going to travel through **more than one state**, things get much more complicated because you will fall under the requirements of the International Registration Plan, usually referred to by its acronym IRP or apportioned registration.

What Is It?

IRP is an agreement with all the states of the United States and the provinces of Canada. When you register a commercial truck you actually have to pay fees in every state that truck runs through. The amount of fee you pay is based on the percentage of miles you operate in each state.

To qualify for IRP for a New Jersey-based motor carrier they must travel out-of-state and consist of:

- A power unit with two axles and a registered vehicle weight (or gross vehicle weight) in excess of 26,000 pounds.
- A power unit with three or more axles, regardless of weight.
- A vehicle combination, when the gross weight of such combination exceeds 26,000 pounds.

TEMPORARY TRIP PERMIT

If one of your vehicles is traveling interstate and isn't registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP), you'll need to order a temporary trip permit.

A trip permit is needed if your vehicle is traveling out of state and any of these apply:

- Your vehicle isn't registered under IRP
- Your vehicle has 3 or more axles
- Your vehicle has a gross vehicle or registered weight over 26,000 lbs.
- Your tow vehicle and trailer have a combined gross vehicle or registered weight over 26,000 lbs.