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Unified Registration System (URS) Overview



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What is the Unified Registration System?

- URS is a new streamlined online system that will simplify the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) registration process:
 - Combines multiple registration processes.
 - Consolidates information technology systems.
 - Consolidates multiple forms into a single registration process.
- URS also is a clearinghouse and repository of information on all entities regulated by the Agency.

Why did FMCSA undertake the URS rulemaking?

- To simplify the registration process and to save time from filling out paperwork
- To maintain more accurate information on the entities subject to FMCSA's jurisdiction
- To implement provisions required by legislation
 - ICC Termination Act of 1995
 - Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users



The URS Final Rule

- Effective November 1, 2013, all regulated entities are required to update their registration information every 24 months (biennial update requirement).
- FMCSA deactivates the USDOT number of any carrier that fails to comply with the biennial update requirement.
- The URS rulemaking simplifies and reduces the amount of time entities must spend filling out paperwork as part of the registration process; enables the Agency to maintain more accurate information on regulated entities.

Who Is Required to Comply with the Final Rule?

- **All entities regulated by FMCSA, including:**
 - Motor carriers.
 - Intermodal equipment providers (IEPs).
 - Hazardous materials safety permit (HMSP) applicants/holders.
 - Brokers.
 - Freight forwarders.
 - Cargo tank (CT) facilities.

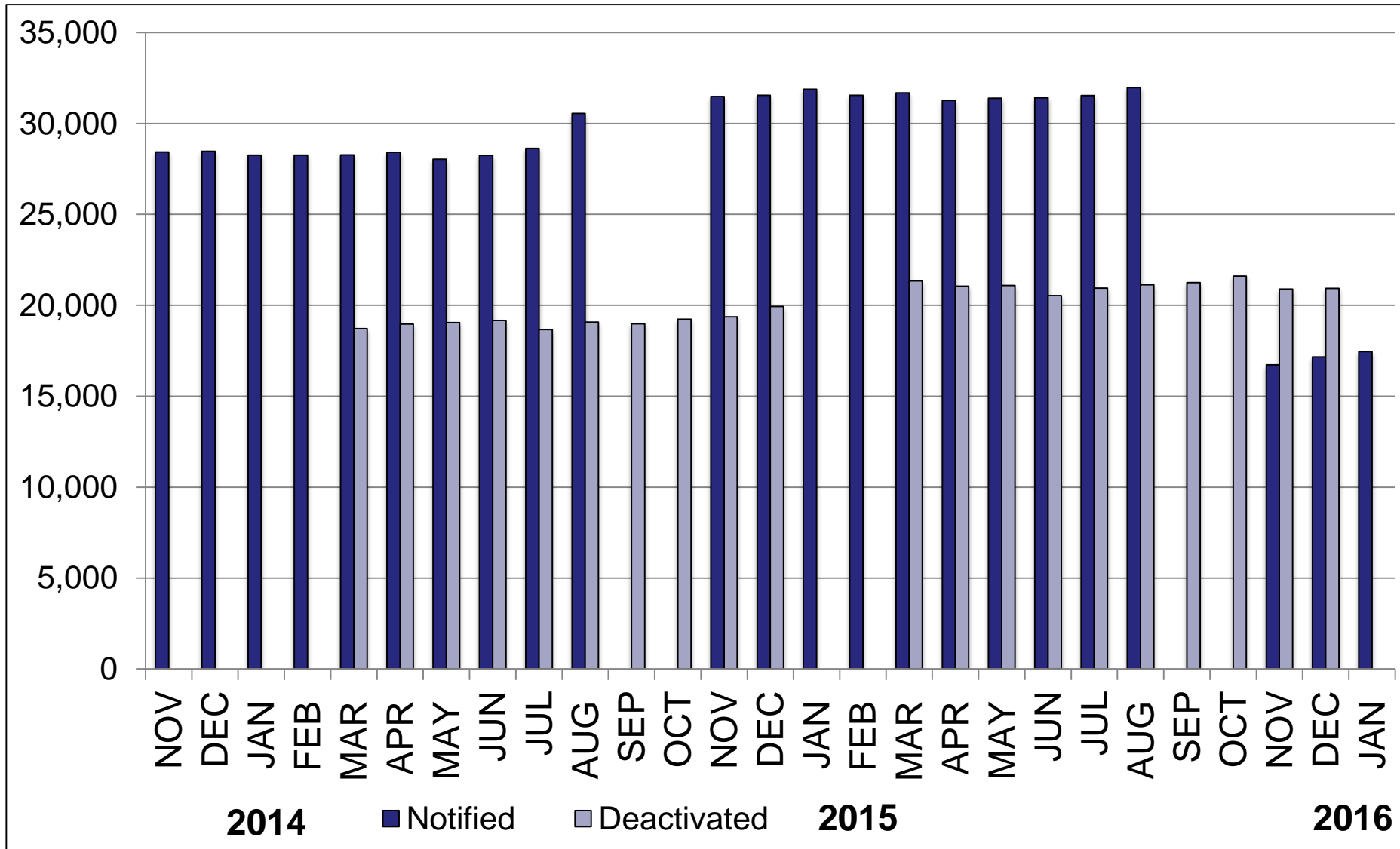


URS Features and Benefits

- Simplified processes and combined forms, using a single online, interactive application
- Reduced paperwork and errors
- Improved accountability
- Raises the bar for safety
- Electronically screens all applications to identify high risk carriers, including potential reincarnated carriers



FMCSA Deactivated 319,165 USDOT Numbers



*As of 1/29/2016

Safety Benefits from Deactivating Carriers

Between 2010 and 2014 deactivated carriers' safety performance was worse than the national average

- Driver and vehicle out-of-service (OOS) inspection rates were **24 to 55 percent higher** than the national averages per year.
- The percentage of compliance investigations resulting in Unsat/Unfit OOS orders were **2 to 4 times higher** than national carrier average rate
- The average number of acute and critical violations per investigation for deactivated carriers was **1.4 to 2 times higher** than the national average
- On average, **50 percent** of deactivated carrier investigations resulted in a Notice of Claim—monetary fine—being issued **compared to 30 percent** for the national average

URS Timeline

December 12, 2015

- Electronic filing only using MCSA-1 online application process for new applicants (excluding Non-North American and Mexican Long Haul carriers)

September 30, 2016

- All entities must update their name, form of business or address within 30 days of change
- Insurance filing required for new exempt for-hire and private HM, before registration granted
- BOC-3 form required for new private and exempt for-hire carriers, before registration granted
- All new applicants are subject to a registration fee, for each registration requested
- All entities will be required to use the electronic process to request any new registration

December 31, 2016

- Existing private and exempt for-hire carriers required to have BOC-3 on file, to avoid enforcement
- Existing exempt for-hire and private HM carriers required to have evidence of financial responsibility of file, to avoid enforcement.

URS Implementation Timeline

- December 12, 2015:
 - **Only new, first-time applicants file through URS.***
 - **Existing entities use current registration processes.**
- September 30, 2016:
 - **All new and updated registrations are completed through URS** (paper forms no longer accepted).
 - The **USDOT number becomes the sole identifier**; docket (MC, FF, MX) numbers will no longer be issued.
 - All new applicants are required to pay for **safety registration as a separate registration**, a fee of \$300.
- December 31, 2016:
 - **Insurance filings** required for existing private HM and exempt for-hire carriers.
 - **Service of process agent filings (BOC-3) required** for existing private and exempt for-hire carriers.

*Excludes non-North American and Mexican long-haul carriers.

URS Online Registration Process Flow

Who are you?

- Applicant contact info (company official or authorized rep)
- Business name, type, location
- Ownership and control, officers

What is your operation?

- Property, PAX, HM, IEP, FF, CTF, Broker, HHG
- For hire, private, unit of gov't
- Number of vehicles, drivers

Completing the registration

- Certifications, oaths
- Affiliations
- Payment for registration(s), notifications
- Insurance, BOC-3 filings

Accessing URS: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs

The screenshot shows the FMCSA website with the following elements:

- Header:** United States Department of Transportation, FMCSA Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and navigation links (About Us, Regulations, Registration, Safety, News).
- Search Bar:** A search box with a "GO" button.
- Left Sidebar:** A menu with "Home > Registration" and sub-links: Registration, Getting Started, Get Authority to Operate (MC Number), USDOT Numbers, Update Registration, Insurance Requirements, Request PDN, and Other Services.
- Main Content:**
 - New Registration Applicants:** A section with a heading and text explaining that as of December 12, 2015, new applicants use the URS application. It notes that initial registration for new applicants will use URS until September 30, 2016, when USDOT numbers become the sole identifier.
 - Call to Action:** A large orange button that says "TO GET STARTED CLICK HERE".
 - Already Registered with FMCSA:** A section explaining that existing registrants can update their information online or via paper form until September 30, 2016.
 - Links:** Three blue underlined links: "Update USDOT Number Registration/Biannual Updates", "Update operating Authority Name or Address", and "Going out of business/Closing DOT/MC Numbers".
- Right Sidebar:**
 - URS Logo:** Unified Registration System logo with the tagline "Simplifying USDOT Registration".
 - Related Links:** A list of links including URS FAQs, URS Final Rule, MCIS Data Request/Carrier Safety Profile Page, List of Process Agents By State, Insurance Requirements, Submit Questions, and Contact Us.
 - Related Documents:** A link to the URS Fact Sheet.
 - FMCSA Information Line:** Contact information for the FMCSA Information Line, including the address (1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590) and phone number (800-832-5660).
 - Share:** Social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and a general share icon.

URS Welcome Screen

United States Department of Transportation



Welcome to the Unified Registration System.

Are you a New Applicant or a Returning Applicant?



NEW APPLICANT



RETURNING APPLICANT

- 5%
- LOGOUT
- MENU
- STATUS
- SAVE
- REPORT
- UPLOAD FILE
- PREVIOUS
- NEXT**
- WITHDRAW APP
- PRINT
- HELP

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs

Resources

- Online Step-by-Step Training:
<https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/urstraining/index.html>
- Get information on URS or biennial updates:
www.fmcsa.dot.gov/urs
- For FMCSA registration and licensing FAQs and to submit questions:
www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ask
- View carrier information at the FMCSA Portal:
<https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/login>
- FMCSA Contact Center:
 - Phone: 800-832-5660
 - Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time

What Can You Do to Support the URS Rollout?

- Encourage carriers to sign up for FMCSA portal accounts
- Participate in upcoming URS conference calls and webinars
- Participate in technical meetings testing out new data exchange files between FMCSA and State systems (e.g., SAFER/CVIEW)
- Consider including available URS outreach materials in vehicle registration reminder mailings to motor carriers



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