



# Ohio Charter Bus Change



## **Effective January 1, 2016, Ohio-based charter buses that travel interstate may obtain an Apportioned registration.**

On September 18, 2014, the jurisdictions within the International Registration Plan (IRP) voted to amend the definition of "Apportionable Vehicle" in the Plan. This amendment removes Charter Buses as a vehicle exempt from IRP registration. Effective on January 1, 2016 all Charter Buses operating interstate will be required to obtain an apportioned registration, which can be accomplished through one of four Ohio IRP Offices, or purchase trip permits. A list of current Trip Permit Agents can be found at [www.bmv.ohio.gov/irp\\_trip\\_permit\\_agents.stmm](http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/irp_trip_permit_agents.stmm).

A "Chartered Party" is defined in the Ohio Revised Code 4501.01 (GG) and the Ohio Administrative Code 4501:1-8-02 (B). *(These codes will be amended with updated language by January 1, 2016).*

Apportioned registrations for chartered buses will be available 90-days prior to the January 1, 2016 implementation date.

### **How does this change impact my company?**

Beginning January 1, 2016, in order to operate a qualifying Chartered Bus interstate the company must register their bus(es) as an apportioned vehicle and receive apportioned plates; or purchase trip permits for each jurisdiction they intend to travel through.

### **How can I register my bus(es) with an IRP registration and license plates?**

There are 2 options to purchase Ohio Apportioned registration:

1. Apportioned registration can be purchased at one of the four IRP offices located in Columbus, Canton, Findlay or Monroe.
2. Apportioned registration can be applied and paid for via U.S. Mail by completing the Ohio IRP Application. The required application is available on [www.OHCORS.com](http://www.OHCORS.com). Processing time via mail is 7-10 business days.

### **How much does an IRP registration cost?**

IRP registration fees are based upon many factors, including: the carrier operation type, vehicle type and size & number of vehicles in the account. Therefore, a registration invoice is not available until after the account and the vehicle information is entered into the IRP system. If you are not applying in person, the Ohio IRP Processing Center staff will send your invoice indicating the amount due to complete your transaction and issue your apportioned registration and license plates.

### **I already renewed/registered my Bus, Will I receive any credit on the Ohio fees?**

Yes, You will receive a credit on the Ohio fees paid. You will need to present your current Ohio Base Plate Registration to the IRP office in order to receive a conversion credit.

### **Will I need to complete another Bus Inspection?**

No. You will need to present a copy of your current inspection to the IRP office at the time of registration.

**If you choose to travel interstate and forgo an IRP registration, it may cause your company to obtain multiple trip permits throughout the year.**

Please call the Ohio IRP Processing Center at 1-800-477-0007 for additional information.

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