FMCSA Motus FAQs for IRP Carriers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) launched **Motus**[1], their new USDOT Registration System, in May 2026. This new registration system was built to combine a number of legacy systems used by FMCSA as part of their effort to streamline USDOT Number processes for commercial motor vehicle carriers. To support the use of Motus, the Registry of Motor Vehicles has compiled this list of Frequently Asked Questions for IRP carriers in Massachusetts.

- **URS (Unified Registration System)**
- **FMCSA Portal**
- **SAFER (Safety and Fitness Electronic Records) System**

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MOTUS
USDOT Registration System

How do I log into Motus for the first time?

- To log into Motus for the first time you will need your Login.gov Account email address which you used to access the FMCSA Portal, a device with a camera and a government-issued ID. For more information, please read the **Motus Quick-Start: A Guide to Your First Login pdf**[2] provided by FMCSA.

Where do I go if I already have a USDOT Number(s)?

- All carriers with an existing USDOT Number(s) can use their Login.gov Account email address to log into Motus. You can then claim the USDOT Number(s) associated with your Login.gov Account by following the notifications to "Link USDOT Number". For more information, please read the **How to Claim Your USDOT Number in Motus pdf**[3] provided by FMCSA.

Why is there a letter after my USDOT Number in Motus?

- Starting in 2026, FMCSA began issuing letter suffixes in association with newly granted USDOT Numbers. Suffixes for existing companies will be issued by FMCSA in the future as part of planned Motus updates. These suffixes are used by FMCSA to easily identify the type of registration a company was granted. For more information, please read the **New Suffixes for USDOT Numbers pdf**[4] provided by FMCSA.

Where do I go to apply for a new USDOT Number?

- All new USDOT Number registration applications must be submitted through Motus. The legacy system URS (Unified Registration System) was sunset on May 14, 2026, and can no longer be accessed. If you need help determining the type of registration that is appropriate for your business, please visit the **USDOT Wizard webpage**[5] on the FMCSA website.

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[1] https://motus.dot.gov/
[2] https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2026-05/Motus%20Quickstart%20First%20Login.pdf
[3] https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2026-05/Motus%20How%20to%20Claim%20USDOT%20Number%20508.pdf
[4] https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2026-04/Motus%20USDOT%20Number%20Suffixes.pdf
[5] https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/usdot-wizard#no-back

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Where do I go to update my business information with FMSCA?

- All business information must be updated through Motus. You can still use the FMCSA Portal to view records, but you can no longer make updates through the Portal.

Where do I go to search for another company's information?

- Use the **Search for Companies webpage**[6] of the Motus website. This search replaces the SAFER (Safety and Fitness Electronic Records) Company Snapshot and provides an easier viewing format.

Can I still use FMSCA legacy systems?

- **URS:** No. URS was sunset and can no longer be accessed. All applications must be submitted through Motus.
- **FMCSA Portal:** Yes and No. Historic records can still be viewed through the FMCSA Portal, but you can no longer make updates through the Portal. You must use Motus to make updates.
- **SAFER System:** Yes. You can still use SAFER Company Snapshot to search for and view company information.

Where can I find more information about this transition?

- Please visit the **Registration Modernization FAQ webpage**[7] of the FMCSA website.

Where do I go if I have questions for FMCSA?

- Please visit the **Contact FMCSA webpage**[8] of the FMCSA website for contact information.

[6] https://motus.dot.gov/public/search
[7] https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/modernization-faqs
[8] https://motus.dot.gov/contact-fmcsa