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**POLICY  
14.1.3**

**COMMERCIAL REGISTRATION AND WEIGHT FEES**

**Summary of Changes**

Revised section I of the policy to reflect 2009 legislative changes which raised the gross vehicle weight limit from 5,999 to 10,000 lbs. for noncommercial trailers subject to the one time permanent registration fees.

**Purpose**

To establish guidelines for the assessment of commercial registration and weight fees including exemption requirements.

**Policy**

- A. In addition to all other required fees, a customer who is requesting registration for a vehicle or vehicle combination (a motor vehicle and the trailer or semi-trailer being towed) that is in the name of a commercial enterprise or used in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise shall pay both a commercial registration (CRF) and weight (WGT) fee. In addition, pickup trucks and vans with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of one-ton or greater, even when designated for personal use only, shall pay the CRF fee and the minimum WGT fee.
1. CRF and WGT fees are assessed from the first day of the month following the date of sale.
  2. The owner declares the gross vehicle weight (GVW) at the time of application for title, registration or re-registration.
  3. The declared GVW of a new vehicle must be no less than the unladen weight of the vehicle as shown on the Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin (MCO).
  4. The owner must re-register the vehicle when the declared GVW is increased or decreased.
- B. CRF and WGT fees are prorated monthly in accordance with A.R.S. § 28-5434. CRF and WGT fees are reduced by 1/12 for each month that has passed, since the first day of the month following the date of transfer, or the date the vehicle becomes subject to registration.
- C. The declared GVW of a vehicle can be changed during the registration year by re-registering the vehicle and paying the applicable CRF and WGT fees for the number of months left in the registration cycle.
- A vehicle that is being operated with a valid Oversize/Overweight Permit is not required to declare the increased gross weight or pay a weight fee for the increased gross weight
- D. When a vehicle is re-registered to:
- Increase the declared GVW, the customer is responsible for the payment of the increased weight fee(s)
  - Decrease the declared GVW, the customer is not entitled to a refund of any previously paid weight fee(s)

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- E. Registration of a vehicle in the name of the commercial enterprise, for the year immediately preceding the year for which the application for registration is made, is proof that the vehicle was operated on the highways during the preceding registration year. The Customer Service Representative (CSR) shall collect CRF and WGT fees for that entire year. When the vehicle was not operated on the highway during the period of non-registration, the owner may submit a completed Certificate of Non-Use, form #48-9402, when applicable.
- This will waive late registration penalty fees and allow the pro-ration of the CRF and WGT fees
- F. CRF and WGT fees are collected when registering the following types of commercial vehicles (unless exempt) see below:
- A trailer or semitrailer
    - Trailers with a GVW of 10,001 lbs. or more must declare the trailer GVW on the power unit ("flat rate")
  - A vehicle used or maintained primarily for the transportation of passengers or property for compensation
  - A hearse, ambulance or any other vehicle that is used by a mortician in the conduct of the mortician's business
  - Any vehicle that is being used in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise
  - A motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles that is designed, used or maintained to transport passengers or property in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise on a highway in this state, that is not exempt under A.R.S. § 28-5432 (B) and that includes any of the following:
    - A combination of vehicles that has a combined GVW 26,001 or more pounds inclusive of a towed unit with a GVWR of more than 10,000 lbs.
    - A single vehicle that has A GVWR 26,001 or more lbs.
    - A single vehicle or combination of vehicles that has A GVWR 18,001 or more lbs. and that is used for the purposes of intrastate commerce
    - A single vehicle or combination of vehicles that has A GVWR 10,001 or more lbs. and that is used for the purposes of interstate commerce
    - A school bus
    - A vehicle that transports passengers for hire and that has a design capacity for eight or more persons
    - A vehicle that is used in the transportation of hazardous materials as defined in 49 US §§ 5101 through 5127 and that is required to be placarded under A.A.C. R17-5-209
- G. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 28-5433, a \$4 CRF fee is required for each registration year.
- H. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 28-5433, the applicable WGT fee is required for each registration year, as determined by the declared GVW and in accordance with the following table:

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<u>DECLARED GVW:</u>	<u>REQUIRED WGT FEE:</u>
Up to 8,000	\$ 7.50
8,001 to 10,000	\$ 36.00
10,001 to 12,000	\$ 63.00
12,001 to 14,000	\$ 103.00
14,001 to 16,000	\$ 121.00
16,001 to 18,000	\$ 144.00
18,001 to 20,000	\$ 162.00
20,001 to 22,000	\$ 198.00
22,001 to 24,000	\$ 216.00
24,001 to 26,000	\$ 234.00
26,001 to 28,000	\$ 288.00
28,001 to 30,000	\$ 324.00
30,001 to 32,000	\$ 378.00
32,001 to 36,000	\$ 414.00
36,001 to 40,000	\$ 468.00
40,001 to 45,000	\$ 522.00
45,001 to 50,000	\$ 576.00
50,001 to 55,000	\$ 630.00
55,001 to 60,000	\$ 684.00
60,001 to 65,000	\$ 738.00
65,001 to 70,000	\$ 792.00
70,001 to 75,000	\$ 864.00
75,001 to 80,000	\$ 918.00

### I. The following vehicles are exempt from CRF and WGT fees:

- A vehicle that is owned and operated by a recognized religious institution and that is used exclusively for the transportation of property produced and distributed for charitable purposes without compensation
  - The owner must submit an IRS or organization headquarters letter certifying that the organization qualifies under US § 49-501(c)
- A vehicle that is owned and operated by a recognized tax exempt nonprofit school that is used exclusively for any of the following:
  - The transportation of pupils in connection with the school curriculum
  - The training of pupils
  - The transportation of property for charitable purposes without compensation
    - The owner must submit an IRS or organization headquarters letter certifying that the school qualifies under US § 49-501(c)
- A vehicle that is owned by a nonprofit organization in this state and that presents a form from the Director of the Division of Emergency Management
- A vehicle that is owned and operated only for government purposes by a foreign government, a consul or any other official representative of a foreign government, by the United States, by a state or political subdivision of a state or by an Indian tribal government
- A motor vehicle that is privately owned and operated exclusively as a school bus pursuant to a contract with a school district
  - When the school bus is temporarily operated for purposes other than intended, the CSR shall collect a monthly WGT fee that is equal to 1/10 of the annual WGT fee for each calendar month that the school bus is so operated in this state

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- A commercial vehicle (station wagon or a pickup truck or van with a manufacturer's GVWR of  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton or less) that is maintained and operated less than 1,000 hours during the registration year for the transportation of passengers or property in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise
  - A commercial historic vehicle that meets all of the following requirements:
    - Is not maintained and operated in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise
    - Is issued and displays a valid Historic Vehicle License Plate
    - Has a model year more than 25 years old
  - Recreational vehicle (also includes modified buses, travel trailers, and fifth wheels)
  - Trailers with a GVW of 5,999 ~~lb~~ 10,000 LBS. or less and that are not used in the furtherance of a commercial enterprise
  - Motorcycles
  - Mopeds
  - Golf carts
- J. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 28-5433, the owner of a farm vehicle that is issued a farm vehicle license plate shall pay a WGT fee that is equal to one-half of the applicable annual WGT fee.
- K. An owner of a motor vehicle that is registered and licensed in a state adjoining this state is not required to pay CRF and WGT fees provided all of the following conditions exist:
- The owner and the motor vehicle are domiciled within 25 miles of the border of this state
  - The motor vehicle is used in this state within 25 miles of the border
  - There is reciprocity between Arizona and the adjoining state
    - The owner must complete and submit a Border Zone Permit Application, form #48-5117

Date

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Authority: A.R.S. §§ 28-404, 28-2323, 28-5432, 28-5434, 28-5433, and 28-5435

Procedure Information: Commercial Registration, MVREG Changing the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), Fees on Commercial Vehicles

Steps: Commercial Registration Pro Rating Commercial Fees on a Renewal, MVREG Changing the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW)