



Renewal Process FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What is a Standard Carrier Alpha Code (SCAC)?

The SCAC is a unique two-to-four-letter code used to identify transportation companies. The National Motor Freight Traffic Association, Inc. (NMFTA) developed the SCAC identification codes in the late 1960s to facilitate computerization in the transportation industry. The SCAC has many applications in transportation industry today. It is used to identify company names in electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions, intermodal interchange agreements (such as the UIIA), and computerized, freight-and passenger-transportation payment systems (Cass Information Systems, CorPay Solutions, Inc., etc.)

When are SCACs required?

SCACs are required when doing business with all U.S. Government Agencies.

SCACs are required when doing business with many commercial shippers, including, but not limited to, those in the automobile, petroleum, forest products, and chemical industries.

SCACs are required for suppliers to retail businesses and carriers engaged in railroad piggyback trailer and ocean container drayage.

SCACs are required for carriers who use the Uniform Intermodal Interchange Agreement (UIIA).

SCACs are required for the Customs and Border Protection's Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), Automated Manifest (AMS) and Pre-Arrival Processing (PAPS) Systems, and the Surface Transportation Board (formerly Interstate Commerce Commission) tariff filing system.

When do we have to renew our SCAC?

All SCACs are due for renewal by July 1st each year to continue their validity through June 30th of the following year.

Why are we receiving the Invoice in April instead of May this year?

To ensure that you receive your invoices early enough so that we receive renewal payments by July 1st, we are mailing the invoices in April and also sending a copy via email where possible.

What happens if I do not renew my SCAC assignment(s)?

SCACs that are not renewed will be cancelled and made available for reassignment to other companies.

How do I renew my SCAC(s)?

Renewal and Payment Methods

1) INTERNET

You can renew your SCAC(s) on the Internet through our website at www.nmfta.org.

Once you are on the website, simply click on the button 'Renew SCAC'. This will link you to the secure page: <https://secure.nmfta.org> where you should select 'Renew'.

On the next page, enter the SCAC and password that is printed on your invoice.

Follow the directions and after entering your credit card information, click 'Submit'.

You will receive an email notification that your SCAC(s) has been renewed. You will also receive a hard copy Certification in the mail as well.

2) CREDIT CARD - FAX

You may also renew and pay via credit card. Simply completed and fax the credit card authorization on your invoice to 703.683.6296 or 703.683.6046.

3) CHECK - MAIL

Please make check payable to NMFTA and mail together with a copy of your invoice to:

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