

NATIONAL FLEET DATABASE

The National Fleet database, NFD, is a fleet and motor trade website established to assist the Gardai in their fight against uninsured driving and to comply with National and European Legislation.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Fleet and Motor Traders should enter the registration number of each of their vehicles on the NFD website (www.nfd.ie)

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T DO THIS?

If checked by the Gardai, at best your driver will have to provide proof of insurance at a Garda Station within 10 working days; at worst your vehicle will be impounded. This will continue until your vehicle registration has been put up on the NFD causing frequent and serious business interruption.

For example, this could result in a serious delay for a haulage company in making a delivery, meeting a deadline or even missing a ferry transport.

HOW DO I DO THIS?

You will shortly receive from your broker or insurer a UID (unique Identifier) which will allow you to register and upload your vehicle registrations at www.nfd.ie. This UID stays with you, the fleet owner, even if you change insurer and/or broker.

FLEET/MOTOR TRADE OWNER'S MANUAL

While the website is extremely user-friendly there is also a fleet owner's manual available to view or download on the homepage of the NFD website which will walk you through each step.

Contact numbers

Should you have any difficulty in using the site or uploading your registration numbers you should contact your broker or insurer who will advise you on what to do.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) Why do I have to do this?

The Road Traffic Act 2009 requires that details of all motor insurance policies be made available to the Minister of Transport, the Gardai and the Motor Insurers' Bureau of Ireland (MIBI – the body responsible for dealing with motor claims against uninsured drivers).

- 2) What happens if I don't do this?

If a registration belonging to you is not entered on the NFD it will be placed on a “potentially uninsured” file and forwarded to the Gardai. The Gardai will upload this file onto their ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) enabled Garda vehicles. If your vehicle then passes a Garda vehicle with ANPR an alert is signalled to the Garda that your vehicle may be uninsured. Your vehicle will then be stopped. Your vehicle may then be impounded until proof of insurance is furnished or you may have to produce proof of insurance at a local Garda Station. This will continue to occur until your registration has been put on the NFD. This may happen every time you pass a Garda vehicle.

3) My Fleet/Motor Trade is currently insured. Where do I get my UID and Password?

Your broker or current insurer will provide this to you.

4) My Fleet/Motor Trade is currently not insured. Where do I get my UID and Password?

You can generate your own UID when you register on www.nfd.ie

5) I don't think I have a Fleet or Motor Trade Policy. Do I really have to do this?

If in doubt please check with your broker of current insurer.

6) Do I need to renew my UID and Password every year?

No.

7) Is it possible to upload a large amount of vehicles in one go?

Yes - see page 7 of the fleet and motor trade owner's manual.

8) Can I add vehicles to the list of vehicles covered?

Yes. See page 7 of the fleet and motor trade owner's manual.

9) Can my broker do this for me?

Yes. See page 9 of the fleet and motor trade owner's manual.

10) How often do I have to update the NFD?

It is recommended that you update the NFD whenever vehicles are added or removed from your fleet or your custody or control as a motor trader. This will ensure your vehicles, or the vehicles you are responsible for are not stopped by the Gardai.

11) What vehicle types should I update on the NFD?

Any vehicle that is owned by you or in your custody and control and which is covered under your motor fleet or motor trade policy. For example, this might include private cars, commercial vehicles (both LCV and HGV), special types vehicles (such as diggers, dumpers and excavators),

coaches/buses and so on. Any vehicle that you intend to have covered or is covered by your motor fleet or motor trade policy should be added. If you are unsure if the vehicle should be added to the NFD contact your broker or insurer for clarification.

12) Does this include Trailers?

Trailers do not have to be added to the NFD unless they are specifically registered as a vehicle with an individual registration plate.

13) What happens if I forget my UID and Password?

There is a section on the registration page that deals with forgotten passwords/UIDs.

14) What if I don't have access to a computer?

It is unlikely that a Garda will accept this excuse. If you do not put your vehicle registrations on to the NFD you are running the risk of your vehicle being impounded and/or having to produce evidence of insurance at a Garda Station. (This will continue to happen until your vehicle registration has been put on the NFD)

15) What do I do if I change broker/insurer?

You advise your new broker/insurer of your UID

16) How do I change the broker ID?

See page 9 of the fleet motor trade owner's manual

17) Do I need to add temporary vehicles?

Fleet and Motor Traders should enter the registration number of each of their vehicles on the NFD website once they are in possession of this vehicle for more than 5 working days. If you are in any doubt how long the vehicle will be kept by you it is recommended you enter the registration number on the database.

18) Do I need to register the make and model of the vehicle?

No. But the facility is there if you wish.

19) What is payload?

Payload is the carrying capacity (measure in weight) of a commercial vehicle.

