

## **New Policy Regarding the Surrender of Highway Use Tax Certificates of Registration**

TSB-M-07(3)M, *Amendments to the Tax Law Regarding Certificates of Registration for Highway Use Tax Effective July 1, 2007*, advised that an outstanding certificate of registration (or permit) must be surrendered when a carrier applies for a corrected certificate of registration. Upon review of this procedure, the Tax Department has determined that the surrender of the original certificate of registration is not necessary.

Accordingly, upon receipt of the corrected information, a new certificate of registration will be issued to the carrier at no charge. See TSB-M-07(3)M for more information regarding when a corrected certificate of registration is required.

Similarly, the certificate will not have to be surrendered when the Tax Department next requires the renewal of all outstanding credentials. A new certificate of registration will be issued upon approval of a renewal application.

### **Registration reminder**

Beginning July 1, 2007, a certificate of registration must be obtained for each motor vehicle that is newly registered for the highway use tax. However, carriers may continue to operate motor vehicles with the 19<sup>th</sup> series permits provided the permit is not suspended, revoked, or in need of correction. See TSB-M-07(3)M for additional details.

Carriers that do not obtain the required certificate of registration may be liable for a civil penalty. The penalty for a first violation ranges from \$500 to \$2,000 for each vehicle. The penalty for a subsequent violation within three years of the first violation ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,500 for each vehicle. For information regarding other penalties that may apply, see N-07-15, *Amendments Related to the Enforcement of the Highway Use Tax Effective July 1, 2007*.