

## Membership FAQs

### **When was ICSA established and for what purpose?**

ICSA was incorporated in November 2019 as a non-profit membership association whose primary goal is to improve highway safety through engaging single-truck operators and small fleets in this mission.

### **What does it cost to become a member?**

ICSA's dues are based on the number of trucks a carrier operates. For carriers operating a single truck, the annual dues are \$100. Carriers operating more than one truck pay \$100 for the first truck and \$25 for each additional truck, up to a cap of \$500 annually. No member, regardless of fleet size, pays more than \$500 for an annual membership.

### **ICSA offers two levels of membership: Platinum and Gold. What's the difference?**

- Platinum membership requires members to take certain actions that are proven to improve highway safety. Platinum members agree to (1) purchase, install and activate in-cab forward facing event recorders (cameras) within 30 days of camera delivery and before insurance can be bound, assign drivers to specific cameras and authorize ICSA's safety consultants to review event videos; (2) Contact ICSA's endorsed provider – Texas Alcohol & Drug Testing Services (TADTS) to schedule hair testing of current drivers for drugs and obtain a negative result on an initial hair test for each driver employed by the member, and (3) adopt a Zero Tolerance policy for alcohol and drugs. (ICSA provides members with a model Zero Tolerance policy that can be easily adapted to each fleet.)  
Platinum status is required for carriers who wish to take part in certain membership benefits, including discounted insurance coverage through ICSA's Risk Purchase Group. Only Platinum members qualify for the discounted insurance through ICSA.
- Gold members may join under the same dues schedule but are not required to adopt the event recorder and hair testing drivers for drugs. However, ICSA encourages Gold members to voluntarily purchase and utilize event recorders at ICSA's low cost. (See Event Recorder FAQs for why such technology is important in today's operating environment.) Gold members may also participate voluntarily in the ICSA-approved hair drug testing program through Texas Alcohol & Drug Testing Services (TADTS). Please see the drug & alcohol FAQs for more information.

**Why does ICSA require event recorders, hair testing, and the other requirements for Platinum level membership?**

ICSA's leadership and safety team has many decades of experience in the trucking industry and particularly in working to improve truck safety. Many years of data show that forward-facing event recorders are a proven safety technology that makes good drivers even better and, importantly, also provide evidence to document when fault in case of a crash. Similarly, hair testing is an effective way to identify substance abusers among truck drivers; more effective than mandated urine testing. Obviously, it is in everyone's interest to help ensure that even casual drug users are not operating a commercial vehicle. The other requirements have similarly been proven to make carriers safer. Members who deploy or have implemented these tried-and-true best practices are taking steps to reduce risk on the highway. In turn, these steps make them more attractive to insurers who may be able to offer lower rates on truck insurance. For answers to other questions on ICSA Membership, email [contact@safecarriers.org](mailto:contact@safecarriers.org)