

9. Missing Fuel Receipts and Audit Risk

Description

Missing fuel receipts are one of the most common and costly findings during an IFTA audit. Fuel receipts support fuel tax credits claimed on quarterly IFTA returns and provide proof that fuel was purchased and taxes were paid.

Why Fuel Receipts Matter

- Supports fuel tax credits
- Supports MPG calculations
- Verifies purchase locations
- Supports IFTA filings
- Reduces audit risk

What Auditors Expect to See

Purchase Date, Time, Vendor Name, Vendor Location, State, Gallons Purchased, Fuel Type, Total Purchase Amount, and Tax-Paid Fuel Information.

Common Reasons Receipts Go Missing

Driver fails to submit receipt, lost or damaged receipt, OCR upload not completed, incorrect filing procedures, technology failures, and poor compliance processes.

High-Risk Scenarios

Large fuel purchases without receipts, multiple missing receipts, missing receipts during high-mileage periods, bulk fuel documentation issues, and fuel card transactions without supporting receipts.

Best Practices

Upload receipts immediately, use OCR technology, maintain electronic copies, review fuel reports monthly, and reconcile fuel card transactions.

Driver Responsibilities

Capture every fuel receipt, verify readability, upload immediately, verify vehicle assignment, and report missing receipts promptly.

Fleet Manager Responsibilities

Monitor receipt compliance, review fuel exceptions, reconcile fuel card reports, and audit receipt uploads regularly.

Warning Signs

Missing Fuel Exceptions, fuel purchases without receipts, large fuel tax credits, unusual MPG values, unreconciled fuel card reports, and missing OCR records.

How Advanced IFTA Helps

OCR Fuel Receipt Capture, Receipt Image Storage, Fuel Purchase Tracking, Vehicle Assignment Verification, Fuel Exception Reporting, Audit Readiness Monitoring, Historical Fuel Reporting, and Fuel Card Integration.

Tags

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