

REN Web Certification



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REN Web Certification

Definition

The definition of REN Web begins with a definition of REN. Railinc's Rate Electronic Data Interchange Network (REN) is a rate management system for North American railroads. REN enables railroads to define and publish rate and distribution information for the interline movement of freight using standard EDI messaging technology. REN is a system-to-system process.

REN Web is a web application that enables carriers to enter rates and divisions into the REN system from a web browser. The data, after passing all edits, is then distributed via EDI to any carrier in the route.

Purpose of Certification

The data exchanged through REN is the basis for exchanging rail prices. Therefore, timely, error-free exchange of information between railroads and the REN central database is critical. The REN certification process is designed to ensure the error-free prerequisite is met.

REN Web Certification verifies that an interfacing railroad:

1. Is willing and able to adhere to industry rate communication guidelines.
2. Has tested appropriate messaging channels to ensure successful auto-rating of interline rates.
3. Will meet industry performance levels and system specifications for REN participation.

Getting Certified

1. **Contact Railinc** to get started.
2. **Get trained.**
 - a. Identify those in your company that will be entering, publishing or searching rates.
 - b. Identify a Class I carrier to sponsor your road.
 - c. Email Railinc three of your rates prior to training. These rates will be used for the training.
 - d. Schedule the training session. Choose from on-site, web conference, or come to Railinc in Cary, NC.
3. **Class I sign off.**
 - a. Transmit 3 rate dockets, 1 group, 1 revision of a group, and expire a rate through REN Web.
 - b. Class I carrier signs off on the certification.
4. **Start entering and transmitting rates into REN Web.**

FAQ

How long does training take?

Training takes anywhere from eight to fifteen hours, depending on the number of people and whether the training is in-person or over web conference.

Is there any system setup required?

You'll just need internet access. Railinc will set up appropriate access to REN Web.

Are my rates secure on REN?

Only carriers in the route can view rates they are associated with.

What other certifications are related to REN certification?

ISS certification goes hand-in-hand with REN certification and can occur concurrently.

Railinc REN Web Team

The REN Web team is available to assist you. Contact AAR_PS@Railinc.com to get started or answer your questions.

SUPPLEMENT A: REN Setup & Agreement for Railinc Services Agreement

CERTIFICATION REQUEST FORM

Date: _____

This Form is incorporated into the REN Setup Service Order and Agreement for RAILINC Services by reference.

1. **Railroad:** _____

2. **SCAC:** _____

3. **Location:** _____

4. **AAR Class (Check):** I II III

5. **Are you an Agent?** No Yes If Yes, for whom? _____

6. **Accounts payable contact:**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

7. **Date requesting REN Web Certification to begin:** _____

8. **Type of Certification being requested:** Price Send View Only Price Receive (EDI)

9. **Approximate number of rates to be entered in REN Web:** _____

10. **REN Web Primary Trainee:**

Primary Participant:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Other individuals participating: _____

11. **Certification partner Class I (must be REN participant with interline rates with applicant)**

SCAC: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

12. **Terms and Conditions**

_____ (SCAC) hereby agrees to the following:

The REN Web participant is responsible for all maintenance of their published rates. As a REN Web participant, you agree to enter new rates and keep rates up to date to help ensure accuracy in the application of interline rates.

The REN Web login information (user name and password) will be provided only to the individuals designated on the certification form. These individuals are employees or authorized agents of _____ (railroad or agency company name).

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

RAILINC USE ONLY

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____

Complete: Yes No

RAILINC Certification Administrator:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

REN Web Trainer:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

CERTIFICATION ACCEPTANCE FORM

The REN Web Trainer hereby certifies that _____ (SCAC) has successfully completed the REN Web Training Course and has demonstrated proficiency in the use of REN Web.

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

The REN Web Certification Partner Road _____ (SCAC) hereby certifies that _____ (SCAC) has successfully completed the REN Web Test Criteria and Test Plan and has demonstrated the ability to accurately maintain rates in REN Web.

Tests:

- a. Send/Price Distribution Yes No
- b. Send/Price Expiration Yes No
- c. Send/Group Distribution Yes No
- d. Send/Group Revision Yes No

Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____