



PERMITS FOR OVERSIZE AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES AND/OR LOADS  
EXCLUDING WORKOVER RIGS  
NDHP Motor Carrier Division  
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## PURPOSE

To establish guidelines when permits will be issued for vehicles or loads exceeding legal size and/or weight for movement on the state highway system.

## POLICY STATEMENT

As authorized by section 39-12-02 NDCC and Article 38-06 NDAC, the NDHP will issue single trip permits, when good cause is shown, for the movement of oversize and/or overweight vehicles and loads.

The following procedures outline the requirements and methods for issuing permits for oversize and overweight vehicles.

## PROCEDURE

### A. Permit Requirements

1. Permits must be in possession prior to starting any movement. They shall designate the route to be traveled and may contain such other restrictions as deemed necessary by the NDHP or NDDOT engineers. The NDHP has the authority to revoke permits when the holder violates or abuses the privilege or conditions of the permits.
2. General travel restrictions.
  - a. Single trip permits shall not be issued authorizing overdimensional movements from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise unless:
    - 1) Ten feet or less in width, or
    - 2) Approved by the superintendent.
  - b. Single trip permits for overwidth movements that exceed 16 feet shall not be issued authorizing movements on Saturday after 12 noon, all day Sunday, and on holidays of New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.
    - 1) No overwidth permit exceeding 16 feet will be valid from 12 noon the day before the holiday until sunrise the day after the holiday.
  - c. Single trip permits shall not authorize movements when inclement weather prevails, highways are slippery, or when visibility is poor.
  - d. Single trip permits do not authorize travel on shoulders of road.
  - e. Oversize vehicle and load movements shall allow traffic to pass.
  - f. Single trip permits shall apply to movement of one vehicle or one vehicle combination only.
  - g. All permits shall require a minimum distance of 1,000 feet between vehicles in a convoy of two or more vehicles.
  - h. A single trip permit is valid for a one-way load movement made within a three day period. For a self-propelled fixed vehicle, a single trip permit is valid for multiple movements made within one 24-hour period, or a one-way movement made within a three day period.
3. General safety requirements.
  - a. All overdimensional vehicles and loads shall have minimum 18 inches by 18 inches red or bright orange flags displayed on the traffic side front and rear.
  - b. When the overall length of an overdimensional movement exceeds 75 feet in length and/or 8 feet 6 inches in width, there shall be at least a 12" x 60" **OVERSIZE LOAD** sign on the front and rear. The lettering shall be black on yellow background. Letters shall be at least 8 inches high with 1-inch brush stroke. When the movement is overlength only, exceeding 75 feet in overall length, a **LONG LOAD** sign that is a minimum 12" x 60" in size may be used in lieu of the **OVERSIZE LOAD** sign. The lettering shall be black on yellow background. The letters shall be at least 8 inches high with 1-inch brush stroke. The sign shall be covered or removed when the movement is not overdimensional.
  - c. Authorized overwidth movements made from ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise shall require:
    - 1) Clearance lights visible from the front, rear, and side marking the outermost portion of the vehicle and load which extends beyond 8 feet 6 inches.