

Motor Carrier Regulations in Oregon

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Topics

- CCD's Size & Weight Program
- Federal LCV Freeze
- Permitting and Emergency Permits
- Looking ahead: New OD Permit System



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CCD's Size and Weight Program



Size & Weight Program Authority

- Established by 23 CFR Part 657.5
 - “These size and weight limits are based upon design specifications and safety considerations ... to prevent premature deterioration of the highway pavement and structures and to provide a safe driving environment.”

Size and Weight Limits

- Established in 23 CFR Part 658
- We adopt federal standards into ORS to provide regulatory consistency for the motor carrier industry.



What needs a permit?

Any single, nondivisible load over:

- 8'6" in width
- 14'0" in height*
- Length limits in Group Map 1 and Route Map 7
- 80,000 pounds gross weight
- The axle and group axle weights in Weight Table 1



Size & Weight Enforcement

- Our enforcement staff regulate commercial vehicle tax, registration, size and weight, and safety compliance on our highways.
- Our statewide Motor Carrier Enforcement staff conduct work at 88 fixed weigh stations, which includes our six ports of entry.
- We also have dozens of portable scale sites and partner with state and county law enforcement to help ensure the integrity of our infrastructure and the safety of all travelers.

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Federal LCV Freeze

What are LCVs?

- “LCV” stands for “longer combination vehicles”
 - Tractor-trailer combinations with two or more trailers that may exceed 80,000 GVW



When was the freeze?

- Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991
 - Froze all LCV standards on June 1, 1991
 - 23 CFR 658 Appendix C controls the limits and routes and conditions for LCVs





What's permittable in Oregon?

- Doubles are limited to 68' of load space (front of first trailer to back of second trailer), and no single trailer can exceed 40'.
 - Specifics are in OAR Chapter 734, Division 71 and its [Tables](#)
- Triples are limited to 96' of load space, and the overall length is limited to 105'.
 - These require a variance permit, per ORS 818.210(1) and OAR Chapter 734, Division 74.
- Weights are limited to 105,500 pounds. Axle and group axle weights are in [Weight Table 2](#).



How is the length of the cargo carrying units measured?

- From the foremost load carrying structure of the first unit to the rearmost load carrying structure of the last unit, including the hitch or hitches between the units, but excluding the upper coupler on a beverage semitrailer.



Can states change these limits?

- No, ISTEA prohibits states from increasing the size and weight of combination vehicles beyond that already allowed on June 1, 1991.
- If change will come, it will come at the Federal level.
- Federal law has outlined a detailed process for modifications to the LCV Freeze that include an engineering study and endorsement by the Governor or their designee.

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Permitting and Emergency Permits

Over-Dimension Permits

- Permit authority in ORS 818.200
- Permits to exceed legal dimensions must be acquired before movement of an oversize load in Oregon
- Permits can cover city and county roads
- Tax and registration requirements must be met



What's in an OD permit?

- Permits include:
 - Route maps
 - Attachments
 - County attachments
 - Flagger/pilot vehicle requirements
- Permit specifics must be followed in full.

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Route Map 2
Transportation Permit Unit

Permit No. of Total
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NOT AT ALL TIMES

When one pilot vehicle is required, it must be at the front of the load. When two pilot vehicles are required, one must be at the front and one at the rear of the load. When no pilot vehicles are required, the load must be within the posted limits.

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To: salem
Via: i-205;
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Pilot Vehi
2 Lane No
4 Lane No

This permit

TRAILER LENGTH: 50
TRAILER TYPE: fixed

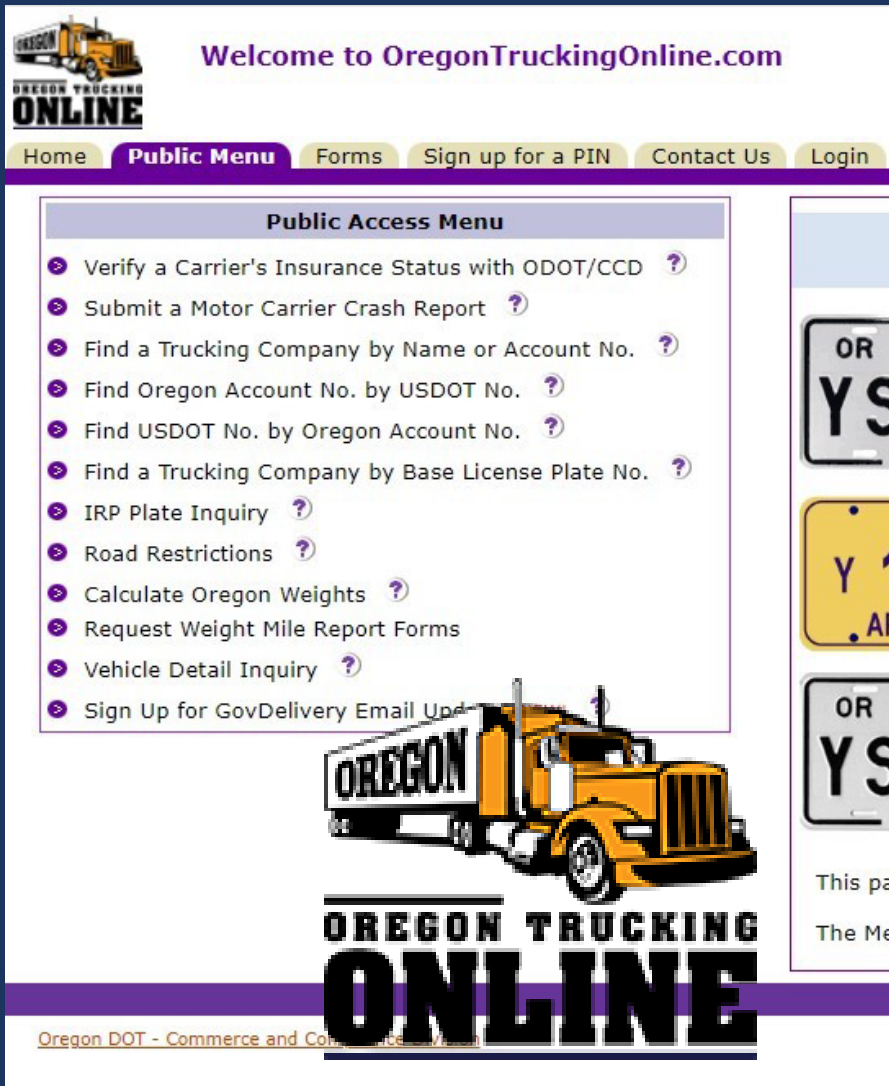
***** SELF-ISSUE PROVISION INFO *****
no pilot vehicles required.
no additional road restrictions required.
no other special provisions.

This permit is not valid before issue date and issue time or the effective date, whichever is later. Issue time reflects Pacific Time Zone.

OREGON TAX AND REGISTRATION: Permittee is required to meet all Oregon tax and registration requirements unless exempted by statute or rule.

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Need a permit?



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- Verify a Carrier's Insurance Status with ODOT/CCD ?
- Submit a Motor Carrier Crash Report ?
- Find a Trucking Company by Name or Account No. ?
- Find Oregon Account No. by USDOT No. ?
- Find USDOT No. by Oregon Account No. ?
- Find a Trucking Company by Base License Plate No. ?
- IRP Plate Inquiry ?
- Road Restrictions ?
- Calculate Oregon Weights ?
- Request Weight Mile Report Forms
- Vehicle Detail Inquiry ?
- Sign Up for GovDelivery Email Updates

OREGON TRUCKING ONLINE

Oregon DOT - Commerce and Community Development

- Single-trip Permits
 - Oregon Trucking Online (TOL)
 - By phone with our OD Permit Unit
- Annual Permits
 - CCD
 - OTA
 - A Work Safe Service
 - County partners: Clackamas, Lane and Marion County

What is an emergency?

- Not necessarily declared by President or Governor
 - Immediate threat to life or property
- Examples include:
 - Fire
 - Flood
 - Winter storm
 - Train derailment



Declared Emergencies

- Size and weight is NOT exempt.
 - A permit is still required.
 - Resource: [Transportation Emergency Response Factsheet 2 - Regulatory Relief](#)
- In responding to one emergency, we don't want to create another emergency.



Emergency Permits – OD is available

- If you need a single-trip permit (STP), and the OD Permit Unit is open:
 - Apply for your STP.
 - Give us a call, let us know the permit number, and the nature of the emergency you are responding to.
 - We will expedite issuance of the permit.
- OD Permit Unit is Open:
 - Monday-Friday, 7AM to 5PM PST
 - Closed all state holidays.
 - 503-373-0000.



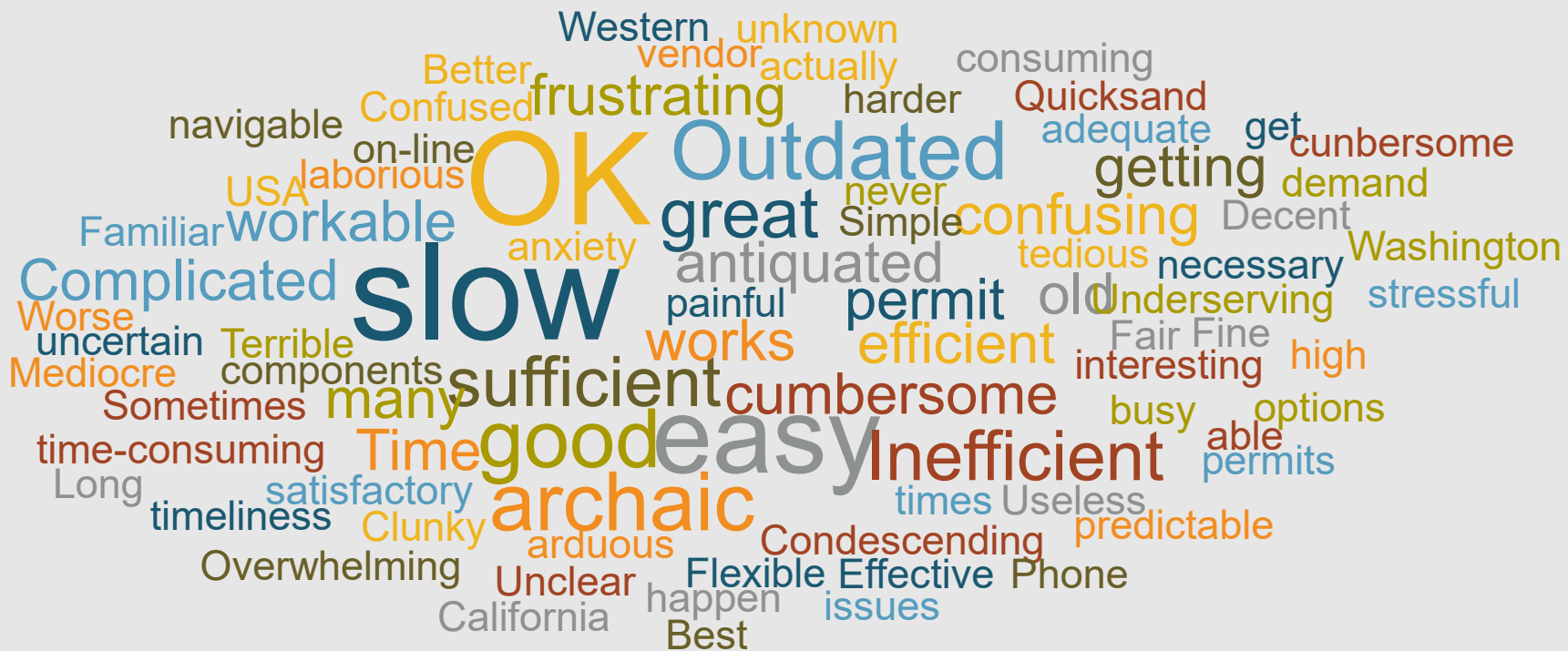
Emergency Permits – OD is closed

- Obtain approval by calling the OD After-Hours Number
 - 503-931-1541
- Be prepared with the nature of the emergency, dimensions, routing, etc.



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Coming Soon! New Online Permitting System



Automated Routing and Permitting

- Replace our current outdated system.
- Vendor on board in the next few months.
- Should be live by early 2025.



What, Why and Benefits?



- **WHAT:** Replace the existing system with a self-service online system. Procure a Custom Off-the-Shelf (COTS) system with expanded capabilities (automated routing)
- **WHY:** To meet increasing permit demand and improve service levels. Reduce reliance on aging mainframe infrastructure
- **ANTICIPATED BENEFITS:**
 - Carrier self-service
 - Greater access (24/7, 365 days/yr)
 - Improved turnaround time
 - Improved data collection and reporting
 - Greater permit accuracy
 - Increased safety and compliance
 - Reduced risk to the infrastructure
 - More time to focus on more complex permitting requests

Information and Resources

Project Team Email:
ORODPermitProject@odot.Oregon.gov

External Website:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/MCT/Pages/Oregon-OD-Permit-Project.aspx>

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Questions?

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