



MOTOR CARRIER NEWS

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Phone system changes April 24, 2018

Our phones will be unavailable during a planned outage from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. Pacific Time

We will soon be changing our phone system as part of a state-wide rollout of a new phone platform for all state government agencies.

Prepare for possible delays in phone service on our migration day

During the migration on Tuesday April 24th, our phone numbers will be unavailable from 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. Pacific Time. Based on recent experience with some of our other state offices, there may be phone service disruptions that could result in longer hold times throughout the day.

Counter and Online Services Available

We encourage you to plan ahead and use our online and counter services. Oregon Trucking Online (oregontruckingonline.com) is available 24/7 for carriers to complete many transactions and inquiries without having to call. The site provides an online form to sign up and request a PIN at: www.oregontruckingonline.com/cf/MCAD/pubMetaEntry/PinReq/.

Counter service is available at our Salem Headquarters and our Portland/Jantzen Beach Registration Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Pacific Time). Office addresses are available at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Documents/ContactMCTD.pdf.



You can also call our Salem Registration Phone Service Center over the weekend and up to midnight prior to our migration day on Tuesday, April 24th. The Service Center phone number is 503-378-6699.

How to stay informed

Prior to and on the day of our phone system transition, check for updates at: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Pages/Phone-Updates.aspx.

We will keep this page up-to-date and provide information about additional phone outages should they occur on our migration day. The page also includes a list of features planned for the new phone system.



MCTD phone numbers will remain the same

After the transition is complete, our phone numbers will remain the same. Frequently-called numbers include:

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| • MCTD General Information Line: | 503-378-5849 |
| • Salem Registration Phone Service Center: | 503-378-6699 |
| • Over-Dimension Permit Unit: | 503-373-0000 |
| • Apportioned Registration Unit: | 503-378-6643 |
| • Jantzen Beach/Portland Bridge Registration Office: | 971-673-5900 |
| • Bond and Insurance Unit: | 503-378-4823 |
| • Tax Help Unit: | 503-378-6220 |
| • International Fuel Tax Agreement Unit: | 503-373-1634 |

Additional MCTD phone numbers available at: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Documents/ContactMCTD.pdf.

Federal electronic logging device (ELD) full enforcement begins April 1, 2018

On April 1, 2018, full enforcement of the federal Electronic Logging Device rule begins.

Carriers subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that do not have an ELD when required will be placed out-of-service. The driver will remain out-of-service for 10 hours in accordance with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) criteria.



At that point, to meet compliance, the driver will be allowed to travel to the next scheduled stop and should not be dispatched again without an ELD.

If the driver is dispatched again without an ELD, the motor carrier will be subject to further enforcement action.

Agricultural Commodities Waiver Extended to June 18, 2018

The FMCSA has extended the temporary waiver from the federal ELD rule for agriculture related transportation for an extra 90 days. The waiver will expire June 18, 2018.

Find more information from FMCSA

Information regarding the federal ELD mandate and exemptions for Agricultural commodities can be found at FMCSA's ELD web page at

www.fmcsa.dot.gov/hours-service/elds/electronic-logging-devices



Oregon-only (*intrastate*) carriers exempt from federal ELD mandate

After receiving input from Oregon intrastate motor carriers and ELD service providers, Oregon has decided not to adopt the federal ELD mandate for Oregon-only (intrastate) drivers.



Motor carriers conducting Oregon intrastate operations are not required to install and require its drivers to use an electronic logging device to record the drivers' duty status.

Please note that this exemption is not applicable

to the transportation of hazardous materials of a type or quantity requiring placarding. A motor carrier transporting hazardous materials of a type or quantity requiring placarding must comply with the ELD mandate.

Oregon Motor Carrier ELD Information Web Page

Additional information can be found at ODOT's Motor Carrier Transportation Division web page at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Pages/NewsArticle-A.aspx

Port of Cascade Locks adopts over-dimension policy for Bridge of the Gods

Carriers with over-dimension loads will be required to obtain a permit from the port at least 24-hours in advance.

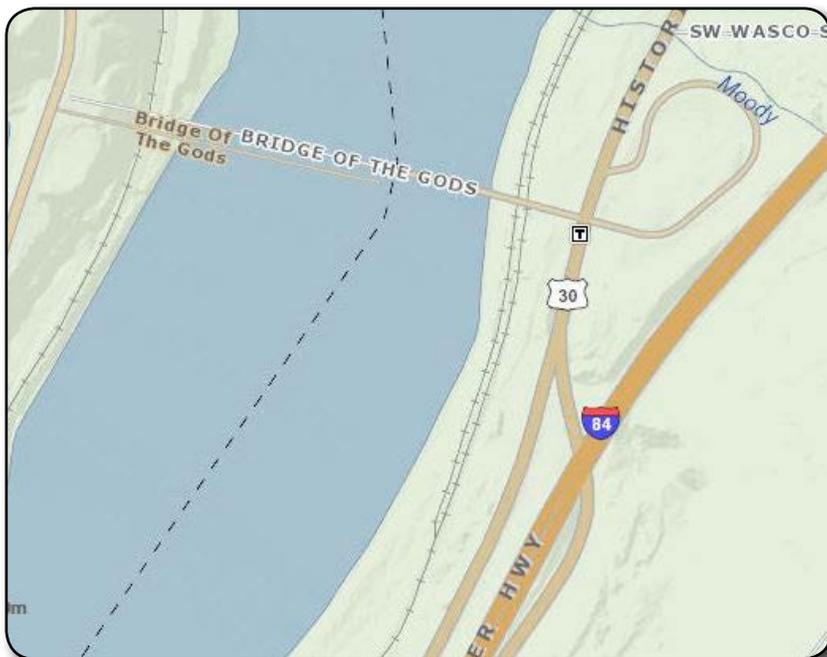
The Port of Cascade Locks, which owns and maintains the Bridge of the Gods, is implementing a new over-dimension policy for its bridge that spans the Columbia River.

Effective April 1, 2018, the Port will require trucks over 10 feet in width or over 14 feet in height to apply for a single trip permit at least 24 hours in advance. With a permit, the bridge can accommodate up to a 16 foot wide load and up to a maximum of 14 feet 6 inches in height.

Due to the narrow bridge roadway, the Port also requires the use of a pilot car (for both over width or over height loads) to stop traffic on the opposite side of the bridge.

The Port will charge a \$10 processing fee for its permit, which will be available at the Bridge Toll Booth, Port Office and the Port web page (portofcascadelocks.org). Over dimension trucks arriving at the bridge to cross without the Port-issued permit will be assigned a \$25 charge. The Bridge of the Gods has an 80,000 pound weight limit, and the Port will not approve any over weight trucks.

Over-dimension permits issued by ODOT Motor



Carrier are NOT valid for crossing the Bridge of the Gods. Review the provisions of your Oregon-issued over-dimension permit before moving an oversize load in Oregon.

For questions about the Bridge of the Gods permit, contact the Port of Cascade Locks at 541-374-2418.

Oregon weight restricted bridges

As of March 20, 2018 bridge engineers set weight restrictions on 49 bridges for state routes in Oregon.

The complete list of road and bridge restrictions can be found on our website: <http://www.oregontruckingonline.com/cf/MCAD/pubMetaEntry/restrictionsList/index.cfm?>



If you have questions, please contact our Over-Dimension Permit Unit at 503-373-0000. The unit is available Monday-Friday between 7 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

The Over-Dimension Unit is closed on all state holidays, and on Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Pacific Time for staff meetings.

May is National Moving Month

In the month of May, ODOT will partner with the Oregon Department of Justice, the Better Business Bureau and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to provide public outreach and education regarding Household Goods Moving.

Last year marked the busiest year for moving. According to the U.S. Census bureau, about 1 in 9 people move during a given calendar year, which equals roughly 40 million Americans.

This is also a time when unscrupulous and unlicensed operators are most likely to take advantage of consumers. Be cautious when hiring a moving company or you could end up with a business that doesn't deliver. Some moving companies falsely advertise they are "licensed and insured," but customers who hire them risk losing literally everything they own.

Common complaints with moving companies include damaged or missing items, bills that were higher than estimates, late deliveries, and, in some cases, goods being held hostage for additional payments. If a consumer hires an illegal moving company, there is little or to no recourse if their belongings are damaged, lost or stolen.

Some "red flags" to watch for when hiring movers



include:

- Movers who do not complete an on-site inspection of your household goods and give an estimate over the phone or by email. Such estimates often sound—and are—too good to be true. Legal Oregon carriers may only provide a written estimate after visual inspection is completed. Phone estimates are not allowed.
- Movers who demand cash or a large deposit before the move.
- Movers who don't provide you with a copy of the "General Bulletin for Moving in Oregon". Movers are required to supply customers planning intrastate moves this booklet which explains consumer rights and carrier responsibilities.
- Company websites that have no address and no information about a mover's registration or insurance. A legal mover is required to display their ODOT Certificate number in their advertising.
- Offices or warehouses that are in poor condition or don't exist. For example, the street address listed is a mailing service or P.O. BOX.
- Telephone calls answered with a generic "movers" or "moving company" rather than a company name.
- Verify the mover status on the ODOT website www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/pages/movers.aspx.

Tips to aid consumers in selecting a reputable household goods mover

- For in-state moves, moving companies are regulated by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Check the ODOT website at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/pages/movers.aspx> to see if the company is authorized to provide regulated household goods moves.
- Read reviews and gather information regarding the Mover. Consumer complaints can be found on the BBB Northwest website <https://www.bbb.org/en/us/local-bbb/bbb-north-west> and the Oregon Department of Justice's

Consumer Protection page <https://www.doj.state.or.us/consumer-protection/>

- For state to state moves, an interstate household mover should be licensed with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, a department of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Information for Interstate movers can be found at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/protect-your-move>.



GovDelivery options for Over-Dimension Permit holders

GovDelivery is used by the State of Oregon to communicate with interested parties. This free service includes more than 200 topics for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The Over-Dimension Permit Unit has several topics that motor carriers may be interested in:



Over-Dimension Permit Maps and Attachments Updates

When a map or attachment is updated, and the PDF is available to download, this group is notified, and a link is provided.

Over-Dimension Permit Road and Bridge Restriction Notices

Changes occur frequently to the MCTD Restriction List, as construction, maintenance, and other activities take place on state highways. These restrictions may impact movement on your oversize/overweight permit. Letters to the motor carrier industry may be sent, if the restriction impacts annual permit holders. This group is notified of any changes, and is provided links to the industry letters.

Trucking Advisories

Trucking Advisories may be issued for less critical (but still important) restrictions on state highways. Other advisories may be issued for office closures, system outages, and emergency restrictions.

Self-Issue Permits Program (SIPP) Information

Certified carriers can issue their own single-trip, oversize/overweight permits, without analysis by MCTD staff. Program updates and information is communicated through this group.

Sign up today for GovDelivery at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Pages/GovDeliveryMotorCarrier.aspx.

Motor Carrier Newsletter Reader Poll

February results:

What do you anticipate for 2018 Oregon operations compared to last year?



- **18%** expect a big increase in miles.
- **46%** expect a small increase in miles.
- **9%** expect about the same number of miles.
- **18%** expect a small decrease in miles.
- **9%** anticipate no miles expected this year.

April poll question:

[What will be the biggest impact on the trucking industry in the next 5 years?](#)

- Technology changes (e.g. automation, hybrid / electric, platooning, etc).
- Availability of qualified professional drivers to fill industry needs.
- New regulations (such as the ELD mandate).
- Traffic congestion in metro areas.
- Changes in traditional supply lines.

Go to <https://1gh830t5.optimalworkshop.com/questions/readerpoll> to enter your response. Look for results in our next newsletter.

Ex-tax fuel purchases

Good documentation is key to trouble-free reporting

As more motor carriers use unattended cardlock stations to fill up in Oregon, it is important for carriers to know their fuel supplier is required to collect the Oregon fuel tax unless a carrier has a signed *Exemption Certificate* on file with the supplier.

Carriers must complete this two-page form to note the reason for purchasing ex-tax fuel and list the qualified vehicles. Once the certificate is filed, the fuel supplier can issue an "ex-tax card" for each vehicle to use when filling up.

With the *Exemption Certificate* on file, it is not necessary to claim fuel credit on your monthly or quarterly mileage tax report and submit supporting documentation of tax paid for fuel purchases.

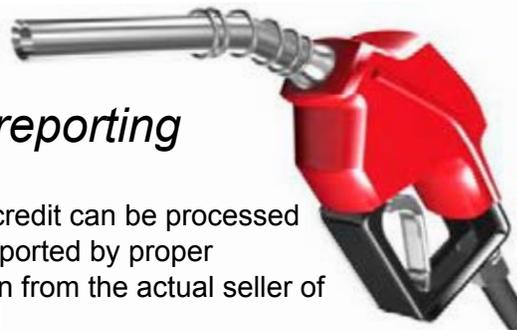
Claiming tax-paid fuel on your tax reports

When a carrier who is paying weight-mile taxes also pays a fuel tax, they can request a refund of the fuel tax on their next Oregon weight-mile tax report.

All carriers must obtain an invoice covering purchases of motor vehicle fuel when claiming tax-paid fuel on their Monthly or Quarterly Mileage Tax Reports. Fuel Card statements reflecting purchases from retail stations must clearly separate and identify retail and cardlock purchases. Purchases from retail stations require an invoice or receipt from the original seller to be accepted. The invoice must disclose:

- Date and location of purchase;
- From whom purchased;
- Kind of fuel and number of gallons purchased;
- Oregon Weight Receipt and Tax Identifier number, temporary pass number, or Special Transportation Permit of the vehicle if fuel is delivered directly into such vehicle; and
- Amount of fuel tax paid.

A claim for credit can be processed when it is supported by proper documentation from the actual seller of the fuel.



The ability to purchase tax-exempt fuel does not relieve you of reporting usage and paying any tax liability.

OREGON EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

We hereby request to purchase Use Fuel exempt of the Oregon Use Fuel Tax as permitted by ORS 319.530 for the following reason(s):

- Vehicles listed have been issued a valid ODOT Motor Carrier permit or pass (weight receipt) and are subject to weight-mile taxes. List the number below.
- Vehicles listed have been issued a valid Use Fuel User emblem by the ODOT Fuels Tax Group (this includes special districts and school bus use). List user license number below.
- Vehicles listed are registered to a US government agency, Oregon state agency, Oregon county or city, and displays a valid Oregon "E" plate.
- Vehicles/equipment listed are farm tractors or other agricultural implements only incidentally operated on the highway as defined in ORS 319.520.
- Vehicles/equipment listed are unlicensed and/or used exclusively on privately owned property (not operated on highway).

The customer will attach a list of vehicles/equipment/containers for which cards are requested, and the seller will indicate the corresponding card issued for each vehicle and tax status.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that all Use Fuel purchased ex-tax using a cardlock card as defined in ORS 319.520 on our account with the seller listed below will only be used for Use Fuel tax-exempt purposes as allowed under ORS 319.510 through 319.530.

We further agree that we are responsible for proper reporting and payment of taxes plus applicable interest and penalties of up to 30% of unpaid taxes due the State of Oregon for Use Fuel purchased tax-exempt on this account and used for non-exempt purposes.

We further agree that tax reporting and payment responsibility extends to purchases of use fuel made using any additional or replacement cardlock cards issued under this account.

We therefore indemnify and hold harmless the card issuer (seller) and its subsidiaries and assigns from any and all liability relating to the improper use of tax-exempt cards.

SELLER: _____

CUSTOMER: _____ ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/CIP CODE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

MCTO FILE NUMBER IF BOX '1' CHECKED ABOVE: _____

USER LICENSE NUMBER IF BOX '2' CHECKED ABOVE: _____

This form is used when accompanied by a completed vehicle and card filing.

The Oregon Exemption Certificate can be downloaded at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Forms/FT/1340.pdf>

Claims cannot be based on invoices from processing/billing companies when fuel is purchased at retail locations because they are not the actual seller of the fuel. A receipt from the retail station must be provided.

The seller of fuel must provide a copy of the invoice for every sale to the user upon request as required by ORS 319.671 and OAR 735-176. The invoice shall show all information required by ODOT for the verification of fuel tax credits.

Claims for fuel tax credits will be rejected if they are not supported by invoices from the actual seller of the fuel that contain these requirements.

All receipts and invoices must confirm that tax was paid for fuel purchased for a vehicle subject to Weight-Mile Tax.

B20 Biodiesel exempt from taxation

Receipts may not be submitted for B20 Biodiesel fuel since this fuel is exempt from taxation in accordance with ORS 319.530.

More information on fuel purchase recordkeeping

Find more information on fuel tax records and other recordkeeping requirements at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Pages/Recordkeeping.aspx>.

The Motor Carrier Transportation Division also offers a Motor Carrier's Guide to Recordkeeping, available to download at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Documents/Recordkeeping101.pdf>.

Oversize load restrictions for Memorial Day 2018

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

**Memorial Day - Observed
Monday, May 28, 2018**

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, overwidth loads can't move in Oregon during the daytime after Noon on Saturdays and all day Sunday. Exception: if overall width is 14' or less, then weekend daytime travel is allowed on Interstate routes or on permitted routes east of the summit of the Cascade mountains. Also, Triple trailers, mobile/modular homes, towed units, long logs, poles, and piling, and non-divisible overwidth loads are subject to special restrictions on major holidays. Here are the restrictions this year during Memorial Day.



Triple trailer combinations cannot operate on those routes shown as Holiday or Holiday & Weekend restricted on Route Map 5 during the Memorial Day period from 4 p.m. Friday, May 25 until Sunrise Tuesday, May 29.



Mobile / modular homes cannot be moved if over 8'6" in width during the Memorial Day period from Noon Friday, May 25 until 1/2 hour before Sunrise Tuesday, May 29.



Exceptions: Operations may recommence on Interstates at 12:01 a.m. on the first business day following the observed holiday when width is not in excess of 10' AND the outermost extremities are illuminated by lamps or markers as required by ORS Chapter 816.

Towed units cannot be moved if over 8'6" in width or towing a combination of vehicles during the Memorial Day period from Noon Friday, May 25 until 1/2 hour before Sunrise Tuesday, May 29.



Exception: This rule does not apply when the tow vehicle is performing the initial emergency removal of a disabled unit from the highway or when the disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles is operating under a rule or variance permit allowing movement prior to the emergency. See Permit Attachment H for specific hauling hours and days for overwidth movements.

Long logs, poles, and piling cannot be moved if over 105' in overall combination length during the Memorial Day period from Noon Friday, May 25 until Sunrise Tuesday, May 29.



Non-divisible loads cannot be moved if over 8'6" in width during the Memorial Day period from Noon Friday, May 25 until 1/2 hour before Sunrise Tuesday, May 29.



Exceptions: Operations may recommence on Interstates at 12:01 a.m. on the first business day following the observed holiday when width is not in excess of 12' AND the outermost extremities are illuminated by lamps or markers as required by ORS Chapter 816. Operations may recommence on Green Routes on Route Map 2 at 12:01 a.m. on the first business day following the observed holiday when width is not in excess of 10' AND the outermost extremities are illuminated by lamps or markers as required by ORS Chapter 816.

Safety-Enforcement Activity Jan. to Feb. 2018

From January through February 2018, the Oregon Motor Carrier Safety-Complaint Resolution work group finalized a total of 154 Final Orders.

Safety Violations

The Final Orders issued contain violations of safety, hazardous materials, and/or violation(s) of an out-of-service order or a combination of the three. Violations are found during a Safety Compliance Review conducted by a Safety Investigator.

The 35 motor carriers listed below received a Compliance Review. Of those 35 carriers, 13 were fined a Civil Monetary Penalty.

A&Z Express LLC
 All States Transport LLC
 Anderson Harvesting LLC
 Bruers Contract Cutting
 C S C Inc
 Canby Excavating Inc
 Canby Plumbing Inc
 Coleman's Well Drilling Co
 Deatley, Brandon Trucking LLC
 H N S Inc
 Heath, Paul Trucking LLC
 Horner Enterprises Inc
 Interstate Transport LLC
 J Brooks Trucking
 Kalebaugh, Todd C Trucking
 Kav Trucking LLC
 Modaffari, Jim Excavating
 Muller Lumber Company
 NV Express
 Oregon Oils Inc
 Oregon Pallet Repair Inc
 Paxton, Heath Trucking, Inc
 Pilgrim Transportation Inc
 Pin Trucking, LLC
 Raugust Trucking & Excavating Inc

Ruiz, J Enterprises LLC
 S A T Logging LLC
 Sam & Sons Trucking LLC
 Sargent Transportation Inc
 Sonrise Family Farms Inc
 T N Trucking
 Taylor Metal Inc
 Toby Trucking LLC
 Van Trucking, LLC
 Witt, K Excavating LLC

Motor Carrier Crash Report Filing

In late January of 2018, the Motor Carrier Transportation Division has identified 11 Motor Carriers that have not submitted the required Motor Carrier Crash Report form to the Department on Federally reportable accidents. A total of 11 Final Orders were issued, 11 were fined a Civil Monetary Penalty.

Other Safety Violations

A total of 108 Final Orders were issued for failure to return a signed copy (which certifies) that the violations listed on the Driver/Vehicle Examination Report have been corrected.

Of the 108 Final Orders issued, 17 were fined a Civil Monetary Penalty.

Other Violations

The Economic Regulation and Complaint Resolution Unit finalized a total of 5 actions related to other violations, such as operating in excess of size or weight limits, operating without valid registration credentials, illegally bypassing a weight station, offering or providing unauthorized household goods moving

services, or operating in violation of farm registration laws and rules.

PDX Premier College Movers LLC
 Humboldt Moving & Storage Co. Managed Moves LLC
 Henry Albert Bruns ABN Dancin Keys
 Rachel Kornstein, Kornstein Farm

Other Enforcement

Summary of work by Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers:

- Trucks weighed on static scales: 364,406
- Trucks precleared to pass Green Light weigh stations: 269,597
- Weight-related citations: 1,590
- Weight-related warnings: 1,020
- Size-related citations: 89
- Size-related warnings: 29
- Trucks required to "legalize" (correct size and/or weight): 105
- Other citations: 584
- Other warnings: 1,529
- Citations for operating without Oregon Weight Receipt & Tax Identifier: 1,090
- Warnings for operating without Oregon Weight Receipt & Tax Identifier: 1,202

The enforcement actions conducted by city, county, and Oregon State Police officers are not included in the totals listed here.



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the mission of
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TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

PROMOTE a safe, efficient, and responsible transportation industry by:

- Simplifying compliance
- Reducing regulatory requirements when appropriate
- Preserving the Infrastructure
- Enhancing private/public partnerships
- Fostering effective two-way communication

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