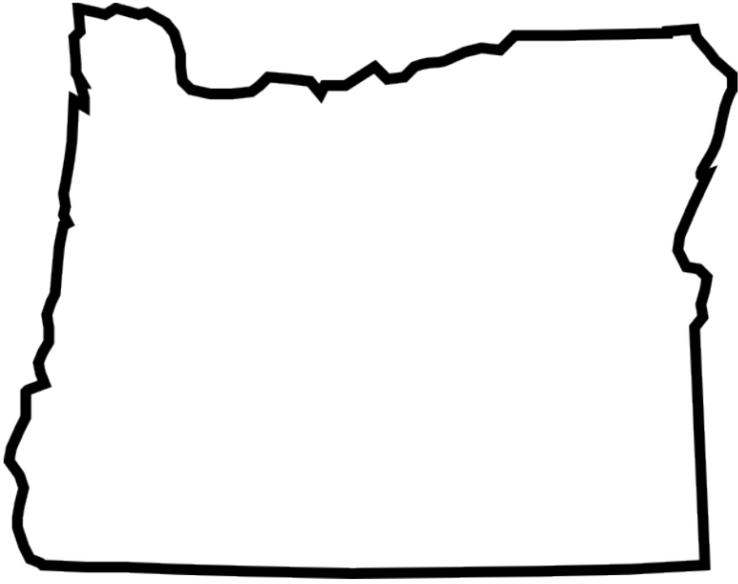


# MOTOR CARRIER NEWS



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## Message from the Administrator

A lot has happened over the last several months, and like all of you, we are working hard to adjust to the changing world around us. Whether it's been a pandemic or devastating wildfires, we're still here, open for business and serving carriers in Oregon, and for that we are grateful.

Whether it's a global pandemic or a natural disaster, we hope that one thing is evident: No matter the challenges we face, no matter how our services must adapt, we will do whatever it takes to stay open for business and serve motor carriers throughout our state.

Looking ahead, our Agency has announced a large projected gap between expenditures and revenues in our State Highway Fund in the next 5-7 years. Given these early projections, we are able to start working now to form strategies for potentially closing this gap before it becomes a major issue. We will focus on realigning our service levels, becoming more efficient in how we do our work, and finding other funding sources to help cover our costs. We recognize that as we try to address budget issues, there may be impacts to our customers and stakeholders. As we move forward, we will work with you, our stakeholders, to find workable solutions without placing an undue burden on you.

One step forward is our application for FMCSA's MCSAP grant. This grant provides financial support to build or enhance programs focused on reducing the number and severity of crashes and hazardous

materials incidents involving commercial motor vehicles. We look forward to utilizing this grant opportunity to continue fulfilling our mission of providing a safe transportation system. These funds will allow us to increase our outreach and education efforts during a time when our budget is tight.

In other news, this spring we welcomed the ODOT Rail Safety programs to our Division. Our agency is working on consolidating similar types of work and this was a natural fit with our regulatory team. You can find more information on this new section later in this issue of our newsletter, as well as on our website. We are excited they have joined our team!

This edition of our newsletter also features information on PRISM in Oregon, Renewal 2021 and more.

To stay up to date on all information related to Oregon's motor carrier services, please sign up for our news emails and trucking advisories, and visit our website regularly.

We hope you are doing well, and most importantly, staying safe.

**Amy Ramsdell  
Administrator**



# Oregon Joins PRISM

The Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) program is a key component to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA's) efforts to reduce the number of commercial motor vehicle crashes, injuries and fatalities in a rapidly expanding interstate motor carrier population. PRISM provides states a safety mechanism to identify and immobilize motor carriers with serious safety deficiencies and hold them accountable through registration and law enforcement sanctions.

If FMCSA defines a motor carrier as having "serious safety deficiencies" within the scope of PRISM, they are prohibited from operating through the issuance of a Federal Out-of-Service (OOS) Order. The PRISM program requires motor carriers to correct their safety deficiencies to continue operating or face progressively stringent sanctions.



What does this mean for Oregon-based carriers?

In order to complete your renewal this year, you must:

- Be in good standing with FMCSA.
- Complete your MCS150 biennial review.
- Be designated as a motor carrier or motor carrier/shipper with FMCSA.
- Confirm the tax payer identification number on file with FMCSA matches the tax payer identification number on file with CCD.
- For carriers with apportioned registration or IFTA, confirm you are correctly designated as interstate carriers with FMCSA.

If you have any questions, please [email](#) us or call us at 503-378-6699.



# Renewal 2021

**Oregon-based carriers** (Commercial, Apportioned and IFTA) will receive renewal applications and instructions in late October. Once you receive your information, use one of the options below to complete your renewal.

## RENEW ONLINE:

- Renewals are available to carriers with [Oregon Trucking Online](#) (TOL) access.
- Don't have access? Follow the instructions on page 5 to register for TOL.

## RENEW BY MAIL:

- Once you receive your mailed renewal packet, review the enclosed instructions.
- Complete your renewal paperwork.
- Include the name of your Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium.
- Sign the application.
- Include payment for Commercial and IFTA only.
- PLEASE NOTE: If you are completing an Apportioned Registration a separate billing will be sent to you.

## RENEW IN PERSON:

- Renewals can be completed in person, by appointment only (see below), at either of our locations in Salem and Portland.
- PLEASE NOTE: For your convenience, we recommend completing renewals online or by mail.

For **out-of-state carriers with established Oregon motor carrier accounts**, you will not receive a renewal application this year. You only need to ensure that your current vehicle list is up to date: No action is required unless you need to add, amend or cancel vehicles in your account.

- Each vehicle you have listed in your carrier account will auto-enroll for WMT for 2021.
- Tax liability continues for all vehicles enrolled until cancelled.
- There are no fees charged when adding, amending or canceling vehicles from your account.

A list of temporary enrollments will be sent to those carriers that have enrolled vehicles with no base license plate on file with the Department.

## Appointments Only for In-Person Business

All in-person transactions are by appointment only. Our office is adhering to all social distancing requirements, and all visitors are required to wear a face covering/mask while inside the building.

If you choose to visit us in person, you must complete the instructions on the following page.

## To schedule an appointment for motor carrier services:

- Email an appointment request to our CCD Renewal Team at [MCTDRenewals@odot.state.or.us](mailto:MCTDRenewals@odot.state.or.us).
- Call our Salem office at 503-378-6699.
- Call our Portland Bridge office at 971-673-5900.

## Prepare for your appointment:

- Review renewal application and instructions.
- Complete your renewal application.
- Include the name of your Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium.
- Sign the application.
- Use the Motor Carrier Registration Checklist for a final review to ensure you haven't missed anything.
- Submit your renewal forms to us for review before you arrive. Please fax them to 503-378-6880.

## Make things as easy as possible – use Oregon Trucking Online!

We continue to encourage motor carriers to take advantage of the many services available to them through TOL at [www.oregontruckingonline.com](http://www.oregontruckingonline.com).



Once you have a registered account, you can operate on permanent tax credentials and handle nearly all of your needs online. TOL makes things easy and saves you time and hassle!

## How do I set up an Oregon Trucking Online account?

1. Establish a motor carrier account with Commerce and Compliance Division.
2. Go to Oregon Trucking Online to [request a PIN](#).
3. Follow the instructions on the PIN Request Form.
4. An owner, partner, LLC member/manager, corporate officer or someone possessing a Power of Attorney must sign the PIN Request Form. **Note:** the PIN Request Form will be returned if the POA is not on file or attached with the form.
5. Fax or mail your PIN Request Form to Commerce and Compliance Division.
6. Upon approval, you will receive a confirmation email with a temporary PIN password.
7. Log in to Oregon Trucking Online with your name, file number and temporary password and setup your permanent password.

If you have trouble registering for TOL, call 503-378-6699.



Trucking Online is free, secure, and available 24/7 year round.



There's no waiting on the phone. Handle your business when you want without waiting.



TOL makes things easy and saves you time and money!

# New Feature on CCD Website

We have a new feature on our CCD Website!

Our “Contact Us” page has evolved from a simple phone directory to a user-friendly [contact form](#) that allows customers to reach out to us based on the program or section you need information or assistance from.

**OREGON.GOV** ODOT Home Forms and Tables Recordkeeping Laws and Rules About Us ▼ FAQs Contact Us

## Contact CCD

**Oregon Trucking Online**  
Weight Receipt Elimination  
Fee Changes 2020  
Over-Dimension Operations  
Statewide Mobility Program  
Registration Services  
Enforcement and Scale Operations  
Truck Safety  
Rail Safety Programs  
Motor Carrier Education Program  
Green Light Preclearance Program  
Household Goods Moving  
Motor Carrier Audit  
Trucking Related COVID-19 Information

### Other Questions? Fill out the form below.

**Caution: Do not** submit any personal information such as social security numbers, date of birth, driver license number, etc.

### We Can Help

Topic of Question  
select a topic

Name\*

Company

Phone Number\*

E-mail Address\*

Body of Message\*

### Location / Hours

**Salem Headquarters**  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Commerce and Compliance Division  
3930 Fairview Industrial Drive SE  
Salem OR 97302-1166  
Phone: 503-378-6699

**Jantzen Beach/Portland Bridge**  
I-5 and Oregon/Washington Border  
12348 N. Center Ave.  
Portland OR 97217-7871  
Phone: 971-673-5900

**Hours of Operation (Pacific Time)**  
Offices: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday through Friday

Salem Contact Service Center  
5 a.m. to 12 a.m.  
Seven days a week  
Phone: 503-378-6699

### Resources

[Holiday Schedule 2020/2021](#)  
[Public Records Request](#)  
[Citation Questions](#)  
[Contact a Regional Office](#)

This new feature allows you to select the section or program you need from a drop-down box of options. You then simply provide your contact information, the nature of your inquiry, and even attach any documents you may need to send our way.

Attachment(s)  
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Submit

This upgrade is a key feature in our efforts to improve our customer service, providing an easy, user-friendly way to improve two-way communications.

You can find this new Contact Us form linked on each of our pages, making it easy to find for anyone who has questions while browsing our site.

## We Can Help

### Topic of Question

select a topic

- Audit
- Communications Team
- Complaint Resolution
- Enforcement
- Farm Unit
- Green Light Program
- Household Goods Moving
- IFTA
- IRP
- Motor Carrier Account
- Oregon Trucking Online
- Over-Dimension Permits
- Rail Safety
- Registration
- Renewal Questions
- Safety Suggestions
- Self-Issue Permits
- Statewide Mobility Team
- Taxes
- Web Editor Questions

# CCD Welcomes Rail Safety Section to our Division

ODOT's Rail Safety Section includes four separate but related programs: Crossing Safety, Employee Safety, Rail Safety and State Safety Oversight. Each of these programs has separate statutory authority and areas of oversight, but they share a common goal of preventing rail-related accidents and injuries.

between the states." Inspectors perform at least two joint-agency inspections per year with their adjoining state counterparts.

Additionally, ODOT rail hazmat inspectors work with ODOT motor carrier personnel to conduct joint intermodal inspections of hazmat



**Rail Compliance Inspectors David Ferry (left), Greg Rastatter (bottom left), and Alon Kelly (bottom right) perform inspections.**

Whereas the Crossing Safety and Employee Safety programs reside primarily on Oregon statute and administrative rules, the Rail Safety Program and State Safety Oversight Program work closely with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) respectively, and base much of their work on federal regulations and requirements.

shipments moving by truck and rail. ODOT inspectors also work with their Federal Railroad Administration counterparts on occasion during routine inspections. These interactions work well to maintain relationships with ODOT's enforcement partners.

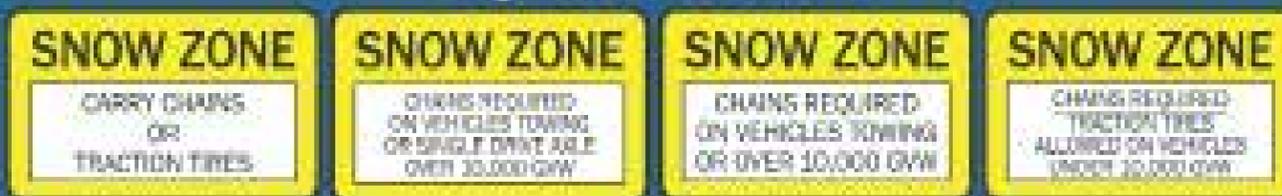
Interagency and intra-agency efforts are vital for Rail Safety's success. "Oregon and Washington perform joint agency cross-border railroad inspections as a way to examine railroad activity and shared compliance interests," says John R. Johnson, Rail Safety Manager. "These efforts help ensure consistency in the way federal regulations are enforced

Visit the Rail Safety section [online](#) for more information about their programs.



# Oregon Commercial Vehicle Chain Law

Oregon's chain law applies to *all highways* throughout the state. When you drive in winter conditions, you may see signs telling you to carry chains and when you are required to use them.



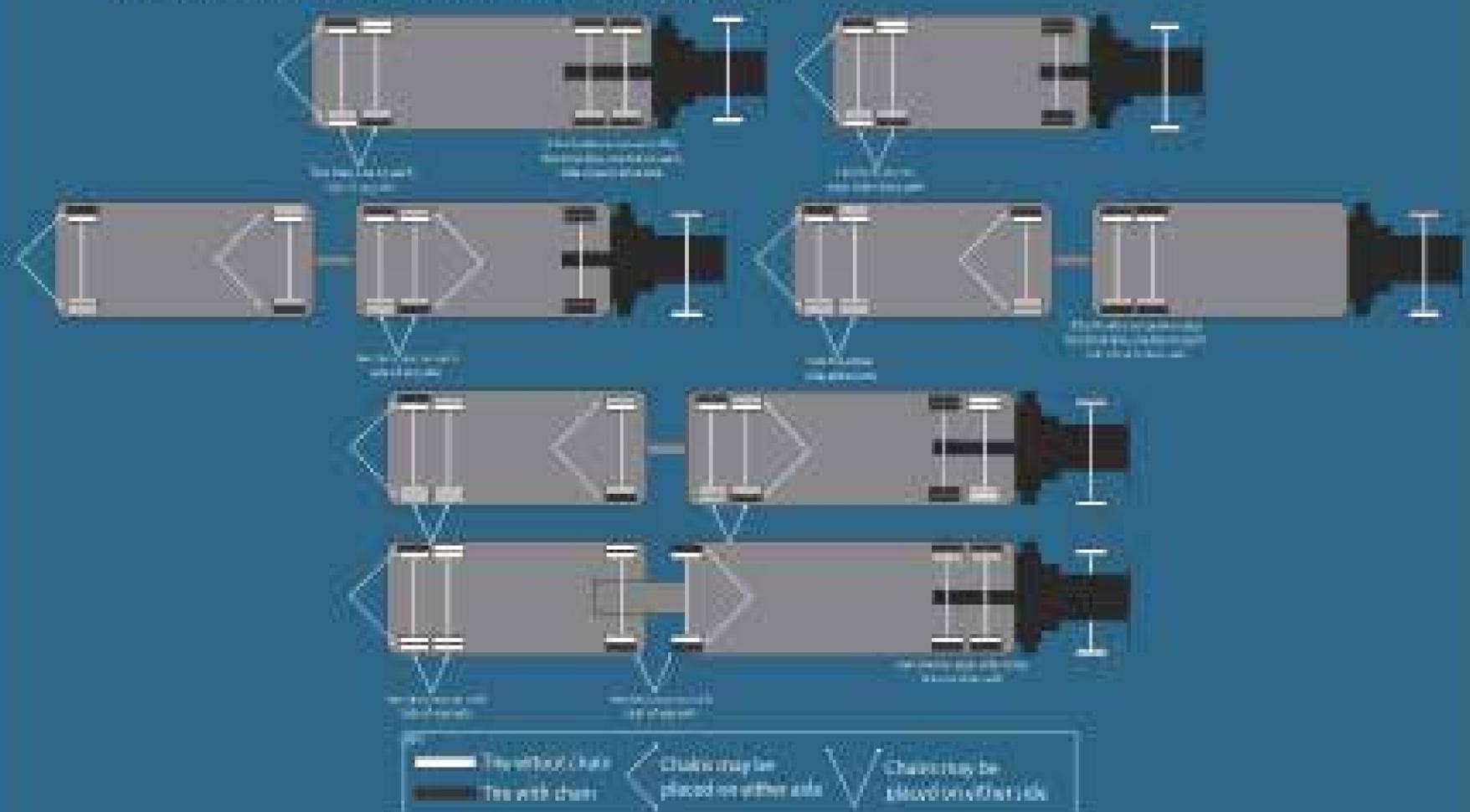
*Chains that are required on commercial vehicles must be placed on:*

## Drive Axle

- Super Single: on two tires, one on each side
- Tandem axle primary drive: two tires on each side of drive axle
- Tandem axle dual drive: one tire on each side of each drive axle

## Trailers

- Two tires, one on each side of any axle



*This is a summary and does not include all configurations. For full details on Oregon's chain law requirements and all other configurations visit:*

[www.tripcheck.com/pages/chain-law](http://www.tripcheck.com/pages/chain-law)

To sign up for emergency text alerts, visit:  
[public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/subscriber/new](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/subscriber/new)



# Sign Up for Emergency Text Message Alerts

ODOT now offers SMS/Text Message emergency alert notifications for Motor Carriers. These alerts will only be sent for declared state emergencies in incidents such as fires, severe weather, and other types of emergencies that

## To sign up:

1. Go to the ODOT message [sign-up page](#). Click the drop-down box and select "SMS Text Message."
2. Enter your mobile phone number and click "Submit."
3. Confirm your number and click "Submit."
4. Click on the "plus" box next to the Motor Carrier subscription topic.
5. Select the "MCTD Emergency Notifications" box and click "submit."

NOTE: This alert service is only for declared emergency situations.



## Enforcement Focus: Take a Minute, Take a Look

Many Oregon weigh stations rely on license plate reader cameras to electronically check for credentials and then automatically sort traffic.

As we continue to use these more and more throughout the state, a common question we receive is why trucks within legal or permitted weight and all necessary credentials still get the signal to report to the scale. Have you been there before?

Why aren't you getting the signal to bypass and keep on rolling?

One reason could be your license plate - have you checked it recently?

An unreadable or misread license plate could be the difference between being sent to the bypass lane or slowly crossing the scale at 3-5 MPH.

We encourage you to check your plate regularly to help keep you on the road. Here are a few things to look for:

First, make sure it is clean. That smudge in the center of the 0 looks like an 8 to the camera.

Second, make sure it isn't bent so a 2 doesn't now look like a 7.

Third, make sure it isn't blocked from view with things like license plate frames, signs (oversize, long load, etc.), or cattle guards that may make it hard for the camera to see or read it correctly.

A good license plate read could mean savings in time, fuel and driver frustration.

Take a minute, take a look, and keep on rolling!

## November SIPP Training

The Self-Issue Permit Program (SIPP) allows certified carriers to issue their own single-trip over-dimension permits without prior analysis by ODOT staff. Self-issuance of single-trip permits saves time and money, protects the traveling public and protects the highway system and infrastructure from potential damage.

If your application is approved, each representative that is self-issuing permits

must attend a training session.

Classes are available by video conference.

To attend by video conference, a telephone to a toll-free number and internet access are required.



Our next SIPP Training Class will be at 9am on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

(Note: A minimum of five participants is required.)

For more information on SIPP certification and the application process, including requirements for approval, please visit the SIPP program [online](#) or call us at 503-373-0000.

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## Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan Survey

The Oregon [Transportation Safety Action Plan \(TSAP\)](#) provides long-term goals, policies and strategies and near-term actions to eliminate deaths and life-changing injuries on Oregon's transportation system.

The TSAP serves as the unifying framework for transportation safety planning in Oregon; identifying key safety needs and guiding safety investments in infrastructure and behavior programs to meet those needs.

The TSAP also serves as the State of Oregon's Strategic Highway

Safety Plan, a document required by federal law.

ODOT is currently conducting an update of the TSAP, and a vital part of that update is feedback from the traveling public.

Help the Oregon TSAP Team update the plan to meet your transportation safety needs. Take the [online survey](#) available now through November 20th.



Please, take the survey and stay informed on TSAP updates.

The TSAP website is updated throughout the project, providing informational updates, materials and notices of stakeholder engagement opportunities.

If you have questions about the TSAP update, contact [safety@odot.state.or.us](mailto:safety@odot.state.or.us).

To stay informed on all future updates, [subscribe to the TSAP GovDelivery updates](#).

# Oregon DEQ Proposes New Diesel Emissions Mitigation Grant

The 2019 Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2007 authorizing the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) to adopt rules to implement an expanded diesel emissions reduction program with Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement funds and authorizing DEQ to fully disburse Oregon's remaining Environmental Mitigation funds. The initial allocation to the state of Oregon is approximately \$73 million, which must be spent in 10 years.

Now, DEQ proposes the Environmental Quality Commission approve rule amendments to establish a new rule division which would develop a grant program to upgrade diesel equipment in Oregon, per HB 2007.

The program would allow grant applicants to upgrade diesel equipment from older and more polluting engines to newer, cleaner technology. DEQ will use the new grant program to award approximately 1/5th of available funding during each of five consecutive calendar years beginning in 2021 and ending in 2025. The rules establish eligible project types and reimbursement amounts based on equipment, project, and ownership. Vehicles subject to HB 2007 deadlines, including nonroad construction equipment subject to new state contracting standards, are a priority for retrofit, repower, and replacement with support from VW funds.

**Public Comment:** DEQ is asking for public comment on the proposed rules. Anyone can submit comments and questions about this rulemaking. A person can submit comments by email, regular mail or at the public hearing.

DEQ will only consider comments on the proposed rules that DEQ receives by 4 p.m., on Oct. 22, 2020.

Submit comments by email to [VWGrants2020@deq.state.or.us](mailto:VWGrants2020@deq.state.or.us). Include "VW Grants 2020" in the email subject line.

To submit by mail, send comments to:

Oregon DEQ  
Attn: Gerik Kransky  
700 NE Multnomah St., Room 600  
Portland, OR 97232-4100

**Public Hearing:** DEQ will hold a public hearing on this proposed rulemaking starting at 10 a.m. on Oct. 19, 2020. The hearing is by webinar and teleconference only. Please [register online](#) for the hearing.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

For additional information, please visit the Volkswagen Grants 2020 [online](#).

# Oversize Load Restrictions for Thanksgiving

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, overwidth loads cannot move in Oregon during the daytime after noon on Saturdays and all day Sunday.

*Exception:* If overall width is 14 feet or less, then weekend daytime travel is allowed on interstate routes or on permitted routes east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains.



## Here are the restrictions for Thanksgiving:

**Triple trailer combinations** cannot operate on those routes shown as Holiday or Holiday and Weekend restricted on Route Map 5 from noon Wednesday, Nov. 25 until sunrise, Monday, Nov. 30.



**Mobile/modular homes** cannot be moved if over 8 feet 6 inches in width from noon Wednesday, Nov. 25 until 1/2 hour before sunrise, Monday, Nov. 30.

*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 feet AND the outermost extremities are illuminated by lamps or markers as required by ORS chapter 816.

**Towed units** cannot be moved if over 8 feet 6 inches in width or towing a combination of vehicles from noon Wednesday, Nov. 25 until 1/2 hour before sunrise, Monday, Nov. 30.



*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 movements 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 feet in overall combination length from noon Wednesday, Nov. 25 until sunrise, Monday, Nov. 30.

**Non-divisible loads** cannot be moved if over 8 feet 6 inches in width from noon Wednesday, Nov. 25 until 1/2 hour before sunrise, Monday, Nov. 30.



*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 feet AND the outermost extremities are illuminated by lamps or markers are required by ORS Chapter 816.

# Holiday Hours

## Veteran's Day 2020

The phone service center will remain open during normal business hours.

The Registration Offices, including Over-Dimension Permit Services, will close at 5:00 pm on November 10. They will all reopen on November 12 at their normal business hours.

## Thanksgiving 2020

The Registration Offices, including the phone service centers, will be closed starting at 5:00 p.m. on November 25.

The phone service center will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 28.

The Registration Offices, including Over-Dimension Permit Services, will reopen on Monday, November 30 at their normal business hours.

## Christmas 2020

The Registration Offices, including the phone service centers, will be closed starting at 5:00 p.m. on December 24.

The phone service center will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 26.

The Registration Offices, including Over-Dimension Permit Services, will reopen on Monday, December 28 at their normal business hours.

## New Year's 2021

The Registration Offices, including the phone service centers, will be closed starting at 5:00 p.m. on December 31.

The phone service center will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2.

The Registration Offices, including Over-Dimension Permit Services, will reopen on Monday, January 4 at their normal business hours.



# Safety & Enforcement Report



## Summary of work by Motor Carrier Enforcement Officers for the first three quarters of 2020:

	Jan - March 2020	April - June 2020	July - Sept 2020
Trucks weighed on static scales	439,702	473,773	467,127
Trucks precleared to pass Green Light weigh stations	560,111	522,381	482,652
Weight-related citations	2,028	1,696	1,766
Weight-related warnings	1,171	435	706
Size-related citations	137	75	127
Size-related warnings	33	36	42
Trucks required to "legalize" (Correct size and/or weight)	311	322	315
Other Citations	702	133	253
Other Warnings	1,784	944	1,243
Citations for operating without OWRATI	1,592	1,043	1,263
Warnings for operating without OWRATI	2,350	1,693	2,316
Total enforcement	10,108	6,055	7,716

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

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