

AP3 Freight Permitting Overview

AP3.1 Types of Freight Permits

There are two types of freight permits that are issued by the Commerce and Compliance Division's Over-Dimension Permit Unit: Continuous Trip Permits (CTPs or Annual Permits) and Single Trip Permits (STPs). A permit is needed when:

- Width of the load or hauling equipment exceeds 8 feet, 6 inches;²⁹
- Height of vehicle or vehicle combination and load exceeds 14 feet;
- Any single axle weight exceeds 20,000 pounds;
- Any tandem axle weight exceeds 34,000 pounds;
- Gross combination weight exceeds 80,000 pounds;
- Front overhang exceeds 4 feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle;
- Rear overhang exceeds 5 feet beyond the end of the semi-trailer, or the load exceeds one-third of the wheelbase of the combination, whichever is less;
- Rear overhang exceeds three-fourths of the wheelbase of a solo vehicle;
- Gross weight of a group of axles exceeds allowable weights; and
- Vehicle or vehicle combination length exceeds the allowable length.

a) Continuous Trip Permits (Annual Permits)

Continuous Trip Permits (CTPs) are valid for one year and authorize unlimited trips. The CCD Over-Dimension Permit Unit issues CTPs for overwidth, overheight, overlength, and overweight operations.

Overwidth CTPs allow:

- Loads up to 14 feet wide (requiring a horizontal opening of 16 feet on tangent roadway and 17 feet on most curves) on all Interstate highways and other routes that are shown in black on the [Freight Mobility Daylight Width Map](#).
- Loads up to 12 feet wide during daylight hours (requiring a horizontal opening of 14 feet on tangent roadway and 15 feet on most curves) are allowed to travel on routes shown in blue on the Freight Mobility Daylight Width Map. Daylight hours are defined as one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

Overheight CTPs allow loads up to 14 feet 6 inches in height (requiring 14 feet 10 inches to provide a 4-inch buffer) to travel on specific routes shown in blue on the [Freight Mobility Over-Height Map](#).

²⁹ Farm implements are exempt from obtaining overwidth permits on non-interstate highways. See ORS 818.100(12) Exemptions from size limitations:

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors818.html

When temporary size and weight restrictions are entered in ORION that impacts CTPs, notifications are sent to annual permit holders at least 21-days in advance. This is accomplished with an electronic notification describing the nature of the restriction and its associated duration and authorized detour route, if one exists.

b) Single Trip Permits

Single Trip Permits (STPs) are valid for 10 days and include superloads. The CCD Over-Dimension Permit Unit issues STPs for overwidth, overheight, overlength, and overweight operations.

Loads traveling under an STP permit are typically much greater in size and weight than what is authorized on a CTP permit. The carrier is issued a route-specific permit for the load based on its dimensions, and it may be routed on any highway that has been approved for its size and weight. STP permits are routinely issued for loads 14-20 feet wide, and on occasion even wider loads. These loads may also be overheight (over 14 feet to 17 feet and greater), overlength (up to 199 feet and greater), and overweight (200,000 pounds and greater).

Restrictions that impact only STPs require entry of the temporary size and weight restriction 14 days in advance of the start of work. STPs are good for travel within a 10-day period and can be purchased up to 4 days in advance. Therefore, the 14-day period allows the CCD Over-Dimension Permit Unit to finish processing permits that have already been requested, stop issuing permits for the period when the highway will be restricted, and allow STPs that have already been issued to expire.

AP3.2 Delivery and Operations Division Process for Over-Dimension Permit Requests

The CCD Over-Dimension Permit Unit has been provided a blanket authorization from ODOT districts across the state allowing them to issue overwidth permits up to certain dimensions on Oregon highways. The specific routes, widths, and specific pilot car requirements are found in the *District Guide to Pilot Vehicle Requirements*.³⁰

When the dimensions of a load exceed what is authorized by the blanket authorization, the OD Permit staff contact the road authority to route and approve the load to move. The District Manager is the road authority (through delegation from the chief engineer) and may authorize oversize permits exceeding the provisions of rule and statute if the movement would be in the public interest and can be done safely.

³⁰ Oregon Department of Transportation, *District Guidelines to Pilot Vehicle Requirements*, October 2025: <https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/MCT/Documents/pilotcarguide.pdf>