



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**



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SUBJECT: OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

1.0 PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this policy to establish a standard for the issuance of Oversize/Overweight (OS/OW) permits to ensure the safe movement of vehicles operating in excess of legal size and weight limitations.

2.0 POLICY

It is the policy of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) Bureau to establish guidelines for the issuance of oversize/overweight permits.

3.0 APPLICABILITY

This applies to all CVE Bureau personnel charged with the issuing and regulating of OS/OW permits.

4.0 REFERENCES

ATTENTION: All reference materials listed herein are subject to change and supersede this policy when changes have been made – employees shall ensure their reference to these documents are made regularly to obtain current and correct information.

- A. NMAC Title 18, Chapter 19, Part 8 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Transportation and Highways, Motor Vehicle Procedures, Licenses, Permits, Height and Weight of Vehicles and Loads (herein referred to as Title 18)
- B. Title 23 US CFR Part 658 – Truck Size and Weight, Route Designation – Length and Width Limitations (herein referred to as US Title 23)
- C. NEW MEXICO STATUTES ANNOTATED (NMSA 1978) Chapter 66, Article 7, Sections 401 through 416.

5.0 DEFINITIONS

- A. CVE – Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
- B. OS/OW – Oversize/Overweight

6.0 PROCEDURE

A. OVERSIZE/OVERWEIGHT PERMITS

1. Legal Limits

A carrier must obtain an oversize/overweight permit before transporting a load or operating a vehicle(s) that exceeds the size and or weight limitations as set forth in 66-7-401 through 416 NMSA 1978, Title 18, and US Title 23.

2. Types of Permits

Oversize/overweight permits are issued through the oversize/overweight permit

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offices, ports of entry, and field personnel of the CVE.

NOTE: Single trip and multiple statewide permits are also issued for single vehicle LIQUID LOADS.

There are five (5) types of permits for irreducible loads:

a. Single Trip Permit

A single trip permit is valid for a single one-way transportation of the load specified on the permit.

b. Single Trip Manufactured Home Permit

A single trip manufactured home permit is issued for a single movement of a manufactured home. Manufactured home dealers and transporter may apply for registration as self- issuers of oversize permits.

c. Multiple Statewide Permit

A multiple statewide permit is valid for up to one (1) year or until the carrier's insurance coverage expires. The permit allows the carrier to make an unlimited number of trips throughout the state.

For combination vehicles, an applicant may request additional width, height, and length allowance for transport through up to four (4) counties.

d. Multiple Counties Permit

A multiple counties permit, also valid for up to one (1) year with valid carrier insurance coverage, allows a trucker to make an unlimited number of trips throughout a designated multi-county area.

Most of these permits are issued for self-propelled oil well service units traveling in the oil fields of northwestern and southeastern New Mexico.

Separate load-limit maps must be consulted for these areas.

e. Multiple Trip Wrecker Permit

A multiple trip wrecker permit is issued to a wrecker service, as authorized in Title 18 and in compliance with 66-7-401 through 416 NMSA 1978 that allows for the towing of combination vehicles in certain instances.

3. Violations

When violations of any permit restrictions, weights, or dimensions are discovered, the permit may be voided. The driver must obtain another permit before continued transportation of the OS/OW load if the original permit has been voided.

4. Permit Extensions

The expiration date of a permit may be extended due to inclement weather, road closures, or mechanical breakdowns only upon supervisory approval.

5. Daily Trip Tax Permits

