

**TITLE 595. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
CHAPTER 30. SIZE AND WEIGHT PERMITS**

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Amendments to this subchapter would update and clarify requirements for issuance of size and weight permits.

The proposed actions are amendments to existing rules.

The circumstance which created the need for these rules is to ensure reliable service to motor carriers doing business in Oklahoma, ensure the safety of the motoring public in Oklahoma as it relates to the movement of oversize and overweight loads on the highways, to comply with state laws and rules of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

The intended effect of these rules is to allow the Department of Public Safety to perform its duties as required or authorized by law.

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PURSUANT TO THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN, THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE CONSIDERED FINALLY ADOPTED AS SET FORTH IN 75 O.S., SECTION 308.1(A), WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 15, 2011:

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

595:30-1-1. Purpose

(a) The Department of Public Safety issues permits for oversize, overweight vehicles. The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the guidelines and procedures for obtaining size and weight permits. [47 O.S., §§ 2-108(b) and 14-116(A), 14-118(A), 14-118.1, 14-120(C), 14-120.1(D), and 14-121(B)]

(b) For purposes of this chapter, the term "oversize, overweight" shall mean oversize or overweight or both oversize and overweight.

595:30-1-2. Applicability; adoption by reference

(a) Permits authorizing the movement of oversize, overweight vehicles upon the roads and highways of the State of Oklahoma are issued in harmony with the Size, Weight and Load laws contained in Title 47, Oklahoma Statutes, Chapter 14 and Department of Transportation Rules OAC 730:30-9.

(b) This Chapter shall apply to all roads and highways of this state which are subject to the permit provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes, and which direct the Commissioner of Public Safety in the issuance of such permits. The provisions of OAC 730:30-9, which regulate the movement of oversize and/or overweight vehicles and/or loads on roads or highways not a part of the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways and four lane divided highways, are hereby adopted as regulatory provisions for roads and highways in this state which are not a part of the state highway system or toll facilities, but which are subject to the permit provisions of the Oklahoma Statutes, and permit issuing authority of the Commissioner of Public Safety. Copies of this Chapter may be obtained from the ~~Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Public Safety at 3600 N. M. L. King Ave., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73136~~ from the website of the Department of Public Safety or from the website from the Secretary of State, Office of Administrative Rules.

SUBCHAPTER 3. SIZE AND WEIGHT PERMIT LOAD

595:30-3-2. A permit is a legal document; permit types

(a) **Permit defined.** A permit is a legal document authorizing the permittee to move a vehicle or load, which is oversize, overweight, or both, upon the roads and highways of this state when the route ~~requested~~ constitutes the shortest safest practical routing. The document consists of:

- (1) the information furnished by the applicant contained in the permit,
- (2) the conditions and restrictions stated in the permit, and
- (3) the applicable provisions of this Chapter, OAC 730:30-9, Oklahoma law, or any combination of provisions.

(b) **Annual permits.** Annual permits, as authorized by 47 O.S. §14-101 et seq. and by OAC 730:30-9, shall be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Annual permits shall comport to 23 U.S.C. §127 for interstate applications, to other state statutes relating to size and weight of vehicles and combinations of vehicles, and to OAC 730:30-9 for all roads and highways of this state. Annual permits shall be for a duration of one calendar year from the date of issuance. Annual permits for the movement of vehicles, loads, or both which exceed the size or weight provisions, or both, of 47 O.S. §14-101 et seq., but do not exceed the provisions of OAC 730:30-9 or state statutes relating to maximum allowable permit limits, shall be applied for and issued, using the procedures established in this Chapter, through the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Public Safety. Annual permits shall not be restricted to nondivisible vehicles or loads and shall be specific to the towing vehicle of any vehicle operating as a combination of vehicles.

- (1) Fees for annual permits shall be in accordance with the fee schedule contained in 47 O.S. §14-101 et seq.
- (2) Annual permits shall be subject to suspension, revocation or cancellation by the Commissioner of Public Safety or an authorized representative upon due process, as

outlined in this Subchapter.

(c) **Single trip permits.** Single trip permits, as authorized in ~~730:20-9-6(2)~~ OAC 730:30-9-6(2), shall be on a form and in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Single trip permits shall be applied for and issued, using the procedures established in this Chapter, through the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Public Safety. All single trip permits shall comport to OAC 730:30-9 and related state statutes and shall be for a duration of up to, but not to exceed, ~~three (3)~~ five (5) consecutive business days. Single trip permits shall be issued for nondivisible vehicles or loads, as defined in 23 C.F.R. Part 658, which exceed the provision of state statutes but do not exceed the provisions of OAC 730:30-9 or state statutes relating to maximum allowable permit limits. Single trip permits may be revoked by any duly qualified law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety after having observed any violation of any of the provisions of the permit. The revocation shall be final and no further movement of the vehicle or load shall be authorized until the vehicle or load is authorized by a proper permit.

(d) **Provisional permits.** Provisional permits, as authorized in 47 O.S. §14-116, shall be made available to all authorized carriers who have established monthly billing accounts with the Department of Public Safety and appear on the monthly billing system [see 595:30-3-7 regarding monthly billing accounts]. Provisional permits shall be for a single trip, nondivisible load for the ~~shortest~~ safest practical route and in accordance with all other applicable rules, federal regulations, and state statutes pertaining to permitted movements of vehicles or loads which are oversize, overweight, or both. The provisional permit shall be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety containing a numerical Department of Public Safety control number. The provisional permit shall be valid only when the proper authorization number is clearly and legibly printed on the permit, and when all other information, including date of movement, general load description, estimated weight, oversize notation, route of travel, and ~~truck or truck tractor and trailer~~ license number is clearly and legibly printed on the permit. Authorization numbers shall be obtained from the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Public Safety and shall be placed on the permit, at the time the permit is approved by the Department, by the authorized carrier or the carrier's designated agent.

(e) **Multi-trip oversize permits.** ~~Multi-trip~~ A multi-trip oversize permits permit may be issued for a specific movements motor vehicle, which can be identified by a vehicle identification number or serial number, for movement as set forth in 730:30-9-9(a)(1) and (j).

(f) **Annual envelop vehicle permit.** An annual envelop vehicle permit shall be issued by the Department in conformity with 730:30-9-16. In addition to the requirements of 730:30-9-16:

(1) An annual envelop permit shall not be used in conjunction with any other permit.

(2) An annual envelop permit shall not be used for the movement of houses or modular or manufactured homes.

(3) An annual envelop permit shall not be laminated.

(4) Reasonable access to and from terminals for fuel, food, repairs and rest shall not exceed five (5) statute miles from the roadways authorized by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

(5) A vehicle being moved under an envelop permit shall not be moved on turnpikes except on non-interstate turnpikes. Non-interstate turnpikes are:

- (A) Indian Nation
- (B) Cimarron
- (C) Cherokee
- (D) Chickasaw
- (E) Creek
- (F) Muskogee
- (G) Kilpatrick

(6) The operator of a vehicle in excess of 10 feet in width which is moving under an envelop permit shall use a valid PikePass to travel on any turnpike listed in paragraph (5) and shall travel only in a PikePass lane when in the area of any tollbooth or turnpike entrance or exit.

(g) **Prima facie evidence.** Undertaking the movement of the vehicles and loads specified in the permit is deemed prima facie evidence of an unequivocal allegation that the permit is accepted by the permittee. Acceptance of the permit by the permittee will be deemed prima facie evidence of an unequivocal allegation by the permittee that:

- (1) Permittee is in compliance with all operational requirements;
- (2) All dimension and weight limitations specified in the permit will not be exceeded;
- (3) All operation, registration, and license requirements have been met;
- (4) All financial responsibility obligations and other legal requirements have been met.

The permittee assumes all responsibility for injury to any person or for damage to public or private property, including the permittee's own, or to the load being transported, caused directly or indirectly by the transportation of vehicles and loads authorized under the permit.

595:30-3-3. Requesting, obtaining, and paying for a permit

(a) **Requesting and obtaining a permit.** A permit shall be applied for and obtained from the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Public Safety, by contacting a permit office either in person, by telephone, or from the Department website. A permit for movement of a manufactured home shall be applied for and obtained in accordance with 68 O.S. §2813 and 47 O.S. §14-103D. The permit office shall make a determination as to whether the permit can be issued based upon the size of load, weight of load, the route to be traveled, the clearance of overhead structures, weather conditions, and traffic conditions.

(b) **In-person permit application.** All permit offices are open Monday through Friday, except on state holidays. Location and office hours of permit offices are.

- (1) Oklahoma City (main office), 2401 Northwest 23rd Street, Suite 45, Oklahoma City, OK 73107. Office hours: 7:00 a.m. to ~~6:30~~ 6:45 p.m.
- (2) Offices at Oklahoma Highway Patrol district headquarters:
 - (A) Enid, 5725 West Garriott Road. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon), and 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 - (B) Tulsa, 9191 East Skelly Drive. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to ~~12:00~~ p.m. (noon), and ~~1:00~~ p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
- (3) Field Offices:
 - (A) Elk City, Merritt Road at the west junction of U.S. Highway 66 and State

Highway 6. Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon), and 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

(B) ~~Ada, 615 West 33rd Street (Ada Technology Center). Office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon), and 1:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.~~

(C) ~~Woodward, 102 Temple Houston Drive. Office hours: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. (noon), and 1:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.~~

(c) **Telephone permit application.** Telephone applications may be made by calling, toll free, (877) 425-2390, Monday through Friday, except on state holidays, between 7:00 a.m. and ~~6:00~~ 6:45 p.m.

(d) **Website permit application.** Website applications may be made through the Department's website between 7:00 a.m. and ~~6:00~~ 6:45 p.m.:
<http://www.dps.state.ok.us/swp/agreement.htm>

(e) **Payment for a permit.** Payment for a permit is to be made by one of the following methods:

- (1) Cash (exact change is required). Please do not mail cash.
- (2) Certified cashier's check. Make checks payable to "Oklahoma Department of Public Safety."
- (3) Money order. Make money orders payable to "Oklahoma Department of Public Safety."
- (4) Personal or company check. Make checks payable to "Oklahoma Department of Public Safety." If a personal or company check is not honored by the bank upon which it is drawn, the Department of Public Safety reserves the right to refuse all further checks from the person or company who issued the check.
- (5) Credit card. Discover, MasterCard, or Visa will be accepted for payment.
- (6) Monthly billing account. [See 595:30-3-7 regarding monthly billing accounts.]

595:30-3-4. Conditions and restrictions

The following conditions and restrictions shall apply to the issuance of permits for the operation of oversize and overweight vehicles:

- (1) **Travel time.** Movement shall be permitted in accordance with the dates and times provided in 47 O.S. §14-101 and in this Section.
 - (A) **Oklahoma County.** Movement of oversize permitted loads is not allowed on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in Oklahoma County from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
 - (B) **Tulsa County.** Movement of oversize permitted loads is not allowed on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in Tulsa County from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
 - (C) **Cleveland County.** Movement of oversize permitted loads is not allowed on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways in Cleveland County from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- (2) **Required signs and flags.** All oversized equipment requires the regulation

"Oversize Load" sign and flagging, as provided in 595:30-3-16.

(3) **Exceptions.** The restrictions in this paragraph shall not apply to special combination vehicles, longer combination vehicles, and vehicles which are overweight only.

(4) **Weather, traffic, road and atmospheric conditions.** Extreme caution in the operation of permitted vehicles and loads shall be exercised during hazardous conditions, including, but not limited to, snow, ice, sleet, fog, mist, rain, dust, smoke, excessive wind, or any weather, traffic, or road condition which would adversely affect traction or braking capabilities. When conditions become dangerous, the company or the operator shall discontinue operations, and operations shall not resume until the vehicle and load can be moved with reasonable safety. The state may restrict or prohibit operations during periods, when, in the state's judgement, weather, traffic, road, or other conditions exist which make such operations unsafe or inadvisable. [See ~~730:30-9-14(2)~~ OAC 730:30-9-12(c)(2) regarding driving conditions.]

(5) **Overweight load route review.** Requests for permits for overweight loads which require a load route review shall be submitted to ensure they are received by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation Bridge Division a minimum of five (5) working days prior to the date of movement [730:30-9-7(k)].

(6) **Brakes, drawbars, and lighting requirements.** Equipment requirements for this Paragraph are found in 47 O.S. §§12-201 through 12-415, and in the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Regulations, Part 393, Subchapters B, C, B, and H.

(7) **Accuracy of information.** It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure accuracy of information contained in the application and permit. Permits will not be revised to alter the load description or the vehicle or load dimensions. Multi-trip, annual permits, or provisional permits cannot be changed. ~~Permit revisions will be allowed to correct an error attributed to:~~

~~(A) the issuing office, or~~

~~(B) the permittee, if the error is discovered before the move has commenced.~~

Any other revisions shall be at the discretion of the permit office.

595:30-3-5. Method of placing permit in suspension where conditions exist beyond the control of the permittee

(a) A permit may be placed in suspension by the permit holder for a maximum of two (2) weeks for inclement weather, road conditions due to weather and equipment breakdown. To place a permit in suspension the permit holder shall:

(1) Contact the permit office within the trip dates. If the permit expires when the permit office is closed, contact the permit office the next working day;

(2) Provide the permit number and trip dates;

(3) State the reasons for wanting to suspend the permit and shall provide proper documentation to the Oklahoma City Permit Office by faxing it to (405) 522-9006.

(b) If the permit office is not contacted by the permit holder to remove the suspension of the permit within two (2) weeks of placing the permit in suspension, the permit shall become void, and the permit shall be required to apply for a new permit. Only one (1) suspension shall be

granted by the Department per permit.

595:30-3-8. Provisional permit book

(a) **Ordering a provisional permit book.** Once a monthly billing account has been established, a provisional permit book may be ordered from the Size and Weight Permit Division, as authorized by 47 O.S. §14-116(C)(3). When ordering a provisional permit book, include:

- (1) the monthly billing account number;
- (2) a self-addressed, stamped 12-inch by 15-inch envelope; and
- (3) a list of the permit numbers of permits remaining in any previously issued provisional permit books. Orders will not be filled if there are ample unused permits.

(b) **Using provisional permits.**

- (1) Provisional permits must be used only by the company or individual who established the monthly billing account.
- (2) Provisional permits must not be destroyed or discarded.
- (3) The Oklahoma City office of the Size and Weight Permit Division must receive a copy of every provisional permit removed from the book.
- (4) The provisional permit holder shall not use the provisional permit to obtain a permit for another company or individual.
- (5) Permits obtained by the provisional permit method are for single trips only.
- (6) Before calling a permit office for authorization to use a provisional permit, have all information necessary for completing the provisional permit. Do not fill out the provisional permit before calling a permit office [~~see 595:30-3-3 regarding permit office locations and telephone numbers~~].
- (7) Give the information to the permit clerk and, at the same time, fill out the provisional permit exactly the way the information is given to the permit clerk. The permit clerk will provide the authorization number to be written on the line provided. The permit clerk will also advise of any other information which must be on the permit. All special instructions which are given by the permit clerk to add to the permit must be written on the provisional permit.
- (8) Write the account number on the same line immediately following the company name.
- (9) Mail the pink copy to the Size and Weight Permit Division in Oklahoma City on the day the provisional permit is ordered. If the pink copy is not received within three (3) days, further provisional permits will not be validated.
- (10) The pink copy will be checked for the following items against the authorization:
 - (A) Accuracy;
 - (B) Completeness (all appropriate blanks filled in);
 - (C) All restrictions and escort requirements, if any, written on the permit;
 - (D) Current vehicle registration information.
- (11) A provisional permit may be ~~voiced~~ voided, at the discretion of the permit office, by calling (405) ~~522-9004~~ 522-9003. Both copies (yellow and pink) of the voided provisional permit must be sent to the Oklahoma City office the same day it is voided.
- (12) Authorized motor carriers using provisional permits during weekends, holidays,

and other approved times, must have the certification statement attached to the provisional permit when in use and when faxed to the Oklahoma City main office. Prior to permitted movement, a duplicate of the prepared permit and certification statement shall be faxed to the Size and Weight Permit Division at (405) 522-9006. The certification statement shall be in lieu of the authorization number and certifies that all provisions for permitted movements have been met including, but not limited to, the required route study adherence as determined by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Certification statements shall be on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety and shall be valid when signed by the motor carrier or an authorized agent of the carrier and filed with the Department of Public Safety.

(13) The provisions of 730:30-9-6, 730:30-9-7, and 730:30-9-9 relating to single trip movements shall apply to provisional permits, as provided by this Section, and shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Section relating to single trip permits.

(c) **Information.** Information concerning provisional permits may be obtained by calling the Size and Weight Permit Division (405) 522-9003. The provisional permit book remains the property of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. The Department may suspend or terminate the privilege to use the book at any time with cause. The book must be returned to the Size and Weight Permit Division upon request.

595:30-3-13. Governmental agencies

(a) **Military moves.**

(1) **Special permission.** All movements by the Armed Forces and the National Guard must be in compliance with the size and weight limits contained in 47 O.S. §§ 14-103 and 14-109, unless an authorization has been issued by the Size and Weight Permit Division, or an emergency has been officially declared by the President or the Governor. In the event an official emergency is declared, telephone contact should be made with the Oklahoma City Size and Weight Permit Office by calling toll free (877) 425-2390 (select option 4) during regular office hours or the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Communications Center by calling (405) ~~424-1616~~ 424-2335 at other times.

(2) **No-cost authorization.** If it is necessary to move a vehicle or load which cannot be reasonably dismantled or disassembled and transported within the legal size and weight limits, an application for authorization to make the movement must be submitted to the Oklahoma City Permit Office. Application may be on Department of Defense standard forms, by letter, or by electronic communications. If the Oklahoma City Permit Office determines the move can be made in safety without damaging the highway system, a no-cost authorization will be issued.

(3) **Blanket authorization.** The Oklahoma City Permit Office will review requests for routine military convoy movements, which are submitted on standard military forms, and issue a blanket no-cost authorization for all approved oversize and overweight vehicles and loads which are included. These authorizations do not relieve the Armed Forces or National Guard from overall responsibility for the convoy movement.

(b) **City, county, state and federal agencies.**

(1) **Compliance.** City, county, state and federal agencies must comply with the

provisions of 595:30-3-13(a)(1).

(2) **No-cost authorization.** If it is necessary to move a vehicle or load which cannot be reasonably dismantled or disassembled and transported within the legal size and weight limits, an application for authorization to make the movement must be submitted to the Oklahoma City Permit Office. Application may be by letter, or by electronic communication. If the Oklahoma City Permit Office determines the move can be made safely without damaging the highway system, a no-cost authorization will be issued.

595:30-3-16. "Oversize Load" sign and warning flags

(a) **"Oversize Load" sign.** All oversize vehicles and loads moving under permit must have the regulation "Oversize Load" sign attached to the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest. The "Oversize Load" signs shall not be displayed on a vehicle that is of legal dimensions. Regulation "Oversize Load" signs must meet the following requirements:

(1) **Color.** The sign shall consist of a yellow background with black lettering.

(2) **Size.** The sign shall be at least five (5) feet long and at least fourteen (14) inches high. The letters shall legible from a distance of at least fifty (50) feet and shall be at least eight (8) inches high using a one and ~~one-eighth~~ one-eighth (1 1/8) inch wide brush stroke.

(3) **Placement of sign.** The sign mounted on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle whichever extends the farthest must be as high as practicable from ground level. For manufactured homes, the sign must be no lower than five (5) feet from ground level. If an escort vehicle is required, the regulation "Oversize Load" sign shall be mounted either on the roof or on the front of the escort vehicle, if movement is on two-lane highways or super two-lane roadways, or on the rear or on the roof of the escort vehicle, if movement is on multi-lane roadways.

(4) **Wording.** The wording shall state "Oversize Load" or "Wide Load".

(5) **Sign material.** The sign shall be made of a durable material.

(b) **Warning flags.** All overwidth and overlength vehicles and loads moving under permit, excluding extra-length vehicle combinations, shall be marked by warning flags. All loads which overhang the rear of the vehicle or trailer by four (4) feet or more shall be marked by warning flags. Warning flags must meet the following requirements:

(1) **Color.** Each flag shall be a solid red or flourescent orange.

(2) **Size.** Each flag shall be at least eighteen (18) inches by eighteen (18) inches.

(3) **Placement of flags.** Flags shall be placed at the four (4) corners of the vehicle or load and on the extremities of the vehicle or load, if applicable, in the following manner:

(A) **Front.** Two (2) flags required: a flag shall be fastened to each front corner or extremity of the vehicle or load, whichever extends the farthest, if the width requires the vehicle or load to be permitted.

(B) **Rear.**

(i) **Overwidth.** Two (2) flags required: a flag shall be fastened to each rear corner or extremity of the vehicle or load, whichever extends the farthest, if the width requires the vehicle or load to be permitted.

(ii) **Overlength.** If the rear overhang of the load extends beyond the

end of the vehicle by four (4) feet or more:

- (I) One (1) flag required: a flag shall be fastened at the extreme rear of the load if the width of the load projection is two (2) feet or less.
- (II) Two (2) flags required: a flag shall be fastened to each rear corner of the load if the width of the load projection is more than two (2) feet.
- (C) **Side.** Flags required: A flag shall be fastened in such a manner so as to mark any extremity of size which is wider than the front or rear of the vehicle or load, whichever is wider.

595:30-3-17. Requirements for escort vehicles and escort vehicle operators

- (a) **General requirements for escort vehicles.** Any vehicle to be used as an escort vehicle must be either a pickup truck of not less than one-quarter (1/4) ton rated load capacity or an automobile of not less than 2,000 pounds. The escort vehicle must be properly licensed under the statutes of the State of Oklahoma [47 O.S. § 1101 et seq.] or properly licensed in another state. If commercially licensed, an escort for an intrastate move must obtain a temporary registration from the Oklahoma Tax Commission Motor Vehicle Registration Division.
- (b) **Identification of escort vehicles.** The owner of an escort vehicle must have displayed on each side of the escort vehicle the name, city and state of the escort vehicle company or operator, or the owner of the escort vehicle, or both. Such identifying markings must be:
 - (1) Plainly legible and visible to the motoring public.
 - (2) Readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet while the vehicle is stationary.
 - (3) Kept and maintained in a manner to preserve legibility.
 - (4) In a color or colors which sharply contrast with the background on which they are placed.
- (c) **Equipment of escort vehicles.** An escort vehicle must carry the following items of equipment at all times when escorting an oversize/overweight vehicle or load:
 - (1) **Flags.** Red flags shall be at least twelve (12) inches square and shall be attached to standards angled upward to the left and right at forty-five (45) degrees and mounted on the top of the cab. No flags shall be displayed unless the escort vehicle is actually engaged in escorting.
 - (2) **Mirrors.** The vehicle shall be equipped with an outside rear-view mirror on each side of the vehicle.
 - (3) **Radio.** Escort and towing vehicles shall be equipped with a two-way radio which is capable of transmitting and receiving voice messages over a minimum distance of one-half (1/2) mile and which is compatible with radios in the escorted vehicle and any other escort vehicle(s).
 - (4) **Fire extinguisher.** One (1) ten-pound or two (2) five-pound ABC fire extinguishers. Extinguishers shall be checked annually to ensure they are operational.
 - (5) **Flares or reflectors.** Four (4) fifteen minute flares or three (3) portable triangle reflector units.

- (6) **Sign.** The regulation "Oversize Load" sign, as provided in 595:30-3-16(a), except that sign shall be at least ten (10) inches high, shall be mounted either on the front or the roof of front escort vehicles and on the rear or on the roof of the rear escort vehicles vehicle while escorting an oversize vehicle or load. The sign ~~will~~ shall be clearly visible without an obstruction. No signs shall be displayed unless the escort vehicle is actually engaged in escorting.
- (7) **Warning lights.** One AAMVA-approved rotating or flashing amber beacon or a flashing amber light bar system shall be mounted on top of the escort vehicle and shall be of sufficient intensity when illuminated to be visible from five hundred (500) feet in normal sunlight, and shall rotate, oscillate or flash through 360 degrees. Blue, red, or white rotating lights are not authorized under Oklahoma statutes. In addition:
- (A) Headlights of escort vehicles shall be lighted at all times during movement.
 - (B) Warning lights in conformance with 47 O.S. § 12-220(D) and § 12-227(C) may be used in conjunction with the headlights.
 - (C) No warning lights shall be displayed unless the escort vehicle is actually engaged in escorting.
- (8) **Measuring pole.** A current height measuring pole made of non-conductive, flexible, non-fragile material when escorting a load or vehicle which is fifteen (15) feet and nine (9) inches or more in height.
- (9) **Traffic control sign.** ~~A~~ Two (2) standard eighteen (18) twenty-four (24) inch "STOP" and "SLOW" paddle sign, with a reflective surface which meets standards set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.
- (10) **Safety clothing.** A hard hat and a jacket or vest, both ~~in safety orange color of~~ which meet standards set by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, for each person who may be assigned to traffic control, setting reflectors or any other duties conducted on or near a roadway.
- (11) **Flashlight.** A flashlight equipped with and powered by at least two (2) D cell batteries.
- (12) **Spare tire.** A full-size spare tire for the escort vehicle, tire jack and lug wrench.
- (d) **Prohibitions when operating escort vehicles.** The escort vehicle shall not:
- (1) Carry any item, equipment or load in or upon the vehicle which:
 - (A) Exceeds the height, length or width of the vehicle, overhangs the escort vehicle; or otherwise impairs its immediate recognition as an escort vehicle by the motoring public.
 - (B) Impairs the view of the operator of the escort vehicle or the escorted vehicle.
 - (C) Obstructs the view of signs or flags used by the escort vehicle or causes safety risks to the motoring public.
 - (D) Impairs the performance of the escort vehicle.
 - (2) Tow any trailer or other vehicle, except that an escort vehicle operator not required to be certified by the Department *may tow a trailer when escorting a manufactured home. Such trailer shall not exceed eight and one-half (8 1/2) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in length with siding not to exceed four (4) feet in height measured from the bed of the*

trailer. The trailer may only be used to transport supplies and equipment necessary to carry out the mission of escort vehicle operators [47 O.S. § 14-120.1(C)] and shall not be used to carry other supplies, equipment, or cargo.

(3) The operator of the escort vehicle shall not perform as a tillerman while performing escort operations. A passenger in the escort vehicle may act as a tillerman. For purposes of this paragraph, "tillerman" means a person who has a valid commercial driver license and who operates by remote control any axle of the escorted vehicle.

(e) **Duties of escort vehicle operators.**

(1) **Traffic control.** In the performance of duties as the operator of an escort vehicle, the operator is authorized to direct traffic to stop, slow down or proceed in situations where such direction is necessary to allow traffic or the escorted vehicle or load to continue moving safely.

(A) The operator of the escort vehicle shall require the escorted vehicle or load to stop, and the escorted vehicle shall move as far off of the roadway as practicable and stop to allow other traffic to pass, under the following conditions:

(i) When the escorted vehicle or load becomes disabled.

(ii) When the movement of the escorted vehicle or load on a particular section of roadway presents a safety risk or unreasonable risk to or unreasonably interferes with the efficient movement of other traffic, based upon such factors as the widths of the escorted vehicle or load, roadway, volume of traffic, limited visibility or mountainous terrain.

(iii) When driving conditions for the escorted vehicle or load are hazardous for any reason including weather.

(B) When the escorted vehicle or load stops, the escort vehicle operator may direct other traffic past the escorted vehicle or load as necessary until such time as the escorted vehicle or load can reenter the roadway and continue moving without presenting a safety risk or unreasonably interfering with efficient movement of other traffic.

(2) **Escort vehicle operation.**

(A) The operator of an escort vehicle must comply with all applicable traffic laws of this state and with the requirements of this Chapter when escorting a vehicle on all routes of the state highway system, including but not limited to the Dwight D. Eisenhower National System for Interstate and Defense Highways, all turnpikes, and such other roads, streets, or public ways that the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall deem appropriate.

(B) On two-lane highways, the first escort vehicle will travel far enough to the front and the second escort vehicle, if required, will travel far enough to the rear of the escorted vehicle or load to timely warn approaching motorists. On multi-lane highways, the first escort vehicle will travel far enough to the rear of the escorted vehicle or load to timely warn motorists approaching from the rear.

(f) **Insurance.**

(1) Each certified escort vehicle operator who operates in interstate commerce, and on

and after August 1, ~~2014~~ 2012, each certified escort vehicle operator, shall maintain a valid insurance policy issued by an insurance company currently authorized to issue policies of insurance covering risks in the State of Oklahoma, and proof of insurance shall be carried in the escort vehicle at all times. The insurance policy shall protect the public against loss of life, bodily injury to persons, and damage to property, ~~and shall provide not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) combined single limit coverage for bodily injury and/or property damage as a result of the operation of the escort vehicle, the escorted vehicle, or both causing the bodily injury and/or property damage as evidenced by a current certificate of insurance, including any applicable endorsement, which indicates that the operator, or the operator's employer, has in full force and effect insurance coverage for bodily injury or property damage, or both, as a result of the operation of the escort vehicle or of the actions of escort vehicle operator, or of both, causing the bodily injury or property damage, or both, arising out of an act or omission by the escort vehicle operator relating to the escort duties required by this chapter. The insurance shall be no less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit or \$1,000,000 per occurrence, or both, of commercial liability coverage, as applicable, and must be maintained at all times during the term of the certification. The insurance certificate must indicate on the face of the document that the policy is for the operation of an escort vehicle or vehicles and escort duties and responsibilities as required by this chapter.~~

(2) Until July 31, ~~2014~~ 2012, paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to any operator who operates only in intrastate commerce or in interstate commerce into or through states which do not have escort vehicle certification requirements for the type of vehicle and/or load being escorted and who applies for and is granted restricted certification as provided for in OAC 595:30-3-17.1(c)(3); provided, the operator shall meet all minimum requirements for compulsory liability insurance in this state, and proof of insurance shall be carried in the escort vehicle at all times.

(3) On and after August 1, ~~2014~~ 2012, paragraph (1) of this subsection shall apply to all certified escort vehicles. operators.

595:30-3-17.1. Certification of operators of escort vehicles for hire

(a) **Requirements.** Every person who drives an escort vehicle for hire to escort a permitted over-dimensional load or vehicle in this state must be certified by the Department of Public Safety. To be certified, the person must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(2) Possess a valid driver license from the state or jurisdiction in which the person is a resident.

(3) Submit an application for certification to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department of Public Safety on the form provided by the Department. The application must contain all required information including a driving record issued within the immediately preceding thirty (30) days.

(4) Attend a course in escort vehicle certification, as prescribed by the Department, and successfully pass the escort vehicle certification examination.

(b) **Course and examination.** The course will be taught by the Oklahoma State University

Center for Local Government Technology. Courses will be taught at locations throughout the state. Class size shall be determined by Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology. Locations, times, and enrollment information are available by calling (405) 744-6049, or online at ~~www.clgt.ok.state.edu~~ clgt.okstate.edu.

(c) **Certification.** The Department of Public Safety will grant a certification card to any person who completes an escort vehicle course prescribed by the Department, passes the escort vehicle certification examination with a score of seventy-five percent (75%) or higher, and satisfies all other requirements.

(1) The term of the certification shall be for a maximum period of five (5) years, subject to subsection (d), and shall expire automatically five (5) years after the date of issuance. Upon expiration of the certification, the operator must again comply with the requirements in (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(4) of this Section before the Department of Public Safety will issue a new certificate.

(2) Operators must notify the Department of Public Safety, Size and Weight Permit Division in writing within thirty (30) days of any change of address or name.

(3) Until July 31, ~~2014~~ 2012, operators who operate only in intrastate commerce or in interstate commerce into or through states which do not have escort vehicle certification requirements for the type of vehicle and/or load being escorted may apply for a restricted certification. Such certification shall be exempt from the insurance requirements of OAC 595:30-3-17(f). On and after August 1, ~~2014~~ 2012, each operator shall meet the insurance requirements of OAC 595:30-3-17(f).

(d) **Denial or withdrawal of certification.** The following circumstances shall result in denial or withdrawal of certification:

(1) Failure to satisfy the requirements of or failure to give required or correct information on the application for certification as an escort vehicle operator, or the commission of any fraud in making the application.

(2) Violation of rules established by the certifying state.

(3) Suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial of the driver license of the certified operator. The certified operator shall notify the Department of Public Safety, Size and Weight Permit Division, within five (5) days of any such suspension, revocation, cancellation, or denial, and shall provide the Division a copy of the Order of the Department.

(4) An accumulation of ten (10) points on the driving record of the certified operator.

(e) **Hearing.** Any party aggrieved by the denial or withdrawal of certification under this Section may request a hearing, in writing, with the Department pursuant to OAC 595:1-3.

(f) **Certification by other states.** An escort vehicle operator shall possess an Oklahoma certification, unless the escort vehicle operator is a resident of a state other than Oklahoma which has a reciprocal agreement with Oklahoma *recognizing escort vehicle operator certifications issued by that state* [47 O.S., §14-120.1(E)] and is in possession of a current escort vehicle operator certification issued by that state. Under all circumstances, an escort vehicle operator who is an Oklahoma resident shall have an Oklahoma certification.

595:30-3-18. Oversize vehicles and loads

- (a) **General.** Permitted oversize vehicles and loads shall be subject to the following conditions and restrictions:
- (1) The applicant for a permit must provide the length, height, and width of the vehicle or combination of vehicles and load requiring a permit.
 - (2) Date and time of travel shall be permitted as provided for in 47 O.S. §14-101 and in 595:30-3-4(1).
 - (3) Certain highways and areas may be designated for use or prohibited from use for a limited time, due to events which would impede traffic conditions.
 - (4) An escort vehicle or vehicles will be required as provided in (b) of this Section or as provided in 595:30-3-19 for manufactured homes.
- (b) **Escorts for oversize loads.**
- (1) Loads ~~more than~~ more than twelve (12) feet or more in width but not more than fourteen (14) feet in width are required to be accompanied by a front escort vehicle on two-lane highways and on super two-lane highways and by a rear escort on multi-lane highways with the required "Oversize Load" sign and flagging on the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest.
 - (2) Loads more than fourteen (14) feet in width are required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear, on two-lane highways or super two-lane highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. All loads more than sixteen (16) feet in width are required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear, on all roads and highways. The required "Oversize Load" sign and flagging is required on the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest.
 - (3) Loads with an overall height of fifteen (15) feet and nine (9) inches or more are required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear. The required "Oversize Load" sign and flagging is required on the front of the towing vehicle and on the rear of the load or the towed vehicle, whichever extends the farthest. All public utilities and railroads along the route must be contacted in advance of the move by the permittee.
 - (4) A truck-tractor/semi-trailer combination which is more than eighty (80) feet in overall length is required to be accompanied by one front escort on two-lane highways. A combination other than a truck-tractor/semi-trailer which is more than eighty (80) feet in overall length is required to be accompanied by one front escort on two-lane highways or super two-lane highways.
 - (5) A truck-tractor/semi-trailer combination or any other combination of vehicles which is more than one hundred (100) feet in overall length is required to be accompanied by two escort vehicles, one in the front and one in the rear, on two-lane highways and super two-lane highways.

595:30-3-19. Manufactured homes and industrialized housing

- (a) **General provisions for manufactured homes.** Permits for movement of manufactured homes and industrialized housing shall require the "Oversize Load" sign and flagging in accordance with 595:30-3-16, and the travel. Other requirements are:

- (1) Oversize movement is subject to the provisions of 47 O.S. §14-101 and 595:30-3-4(1).
 - (2) The towing vehicle must be at least fourteen (14) feet from bumper to bumper, or have a wheel base of at least one hundred eighteen (118) inches to tow a manufactured home or industrialized housing at least twelve (12) feet but not more than sixteen (16) feet in width. All towing vehicles must have dual wheels on the drive axles. If the manufactured home is less than twelve (12) feet wide, the towing vehicle must be a truck of at least three-quarter (3/4) ton capacity. If the manufactured home is twelve (12) feet wide or more, the towing vehicle must be of at least two (2) ton capacity.
 - (3) Red flags and the "Oversize Load" sign are required as provided in 595:30-3-16.
 - (4) Any combination length over eighty (80) feet will require an escort, except on multi-lane divided highways.
- (b) **Manufactured homes not more than ten (10) feet wide.** Manufactured homes not more than ten (10) feet wide and with an overall length which exceeds seventy (70) feet are required to have an overlength permit. The towing vehicle must a truck with a rated capacity of three-quarter (3/4) ton or more. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 595:30-3-16. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be placed on the front of the towing vehicle and the rear of the manufactured home.
- (c) ~~**Manufactured homes twelve (12) feet wide.**~~ For manufactured homes twelve (12) feet wide, the towing vehicle must be a truck of at least two (2) ton rated capacity, with dual rear wheels. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 595:30-3-16. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be placed on the front of the towing unit and on the rear of the manufactured home. The towing vehicle must maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph on all multi-lane highways, if conditions are favorable.
- (d) **Manufactured homes more than at least twelve (12) feet wide but not more than fourteen (14) feet wide.** For manufactured homes more than at least twelve (12) feet wide but not more than fourteen (14) feet wide, the towing vehicle must be a truck of at least two (2) ton rated capacity, with dual rear wheels. A front escort is required on all two-lane and super two-lane roads and highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 595:30-3-16. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be placed on the front of the towing unit and the rear of the manufactured home. The towing vehicle must maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph on all multi-lane highways, if conditions are favorable. The load must not extend more than one foot on each side at the eaves.
- ~~(e)~~(d) **Manufactured homes more than fourteen (14) feet wide but not more than sixteen (16) feet wide.** Manufactures homes more than fourteen (14) feet wide but not more than sixteen (16) feet wide will be issued permits in accordance with 47 O.S. §14-103A. The towing vehicle must be a truck of at least two (2) ton rated capacity, with dual rear wheels. Both front and rear escorts are required on all two-lane and super-two lane roads and highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 595:30-3-16. An "Oversize Load" sign shall be placed on the front of the towing unit and the rear of the manufactured home. Manufactured homes of this width will not be permitted to travel on any turnpike but will be permitted on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The towing vehicle must maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph

on all multi-lane highways, if conditions are favorable. The load must not extend more than one foot on each side at the eaves.

(f)(e) Manufactured homes more than sixteen (16) feet wide. Manufactured homes more than sixteen (16) feet will be issued permits in accordance with 47 O.S. § 14-103A.

Manufactured homes more than sixteen (16) feet shall not be permitted for movements on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of interstate and defense highways. The towing vehicle must be a tandem-axle truck of not less than two hundred twenty (220) horsepower. Both front and rear escorts are required on all two-lane and super two-lane roads and highways. A rear escort is required on all multi-lane highways. The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required on the front of the towing unit and the rear of the manufactured home. Manufactured homes of this width will not be permitted to travel on any turnpike. The towing vehicle must maintain a minimum speed of 40 mph on all multi-lane highways, if conditions are favorable. The load must not extend more than one foot on each side at the eaves.

595:30-3-22. Agriculture permits

Agriculture permits shall be governed by 47 O.S. §14-118(e).

- (1) Transporting of raw forest products shall not be permitted on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and shall require:
 - (A) An annual permit with a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)
 - (B) Truck and trailer information ~~and the route to be used~~ shall be given to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department.
 - (C) The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 595:30-3-16.
- (2) Transporting of round baled hay requires:
 - (A) An annual permit with a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).
 - (B) Truck and trailer information shall be given to the Size and Weight Permit Division of the Department.
 - (C) The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 595:30-3-16.
- (3) Transporting of soil conservation equipment requires:
 - (A) An annual permit with a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).
 - (B) Travel on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways shall not be permitted.
 - (C) The regulation "Oversize Load" sign and flagging are required, as provided in 595:30-3-16.

SUBCHAPTER 5. SPECIAL COMBINATION VEHICLES

595:30-5-2. Issuance of permits

The requirements for issuance of special combination vehicle permits are the following:

- (1) **Where to apply.** Application shall be made to the Director of the Size and Weight Permit Division, Department of Public Safety, 2401 Northwest 23rd Street, Suite 45, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73107, on a form prescribed by the Department.

- (2) **Cost.** A completed and signed application will be accompanied by a tender of an annual fee of ~~one hundred twenty dollars (\$120.00)~~ Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$240.00) for each permit issued.
- (3) **Number.** One permit is required for each special combination vehicle.
- (4) **Expiration.** Permits will expire one year from the date of issuance.
- (5) **Refunds.** Refunds for unused portions of issued permits will not be made.
- (6) **Renewal.** The filing of an application for permit or renewal of same does not authorize operation. Operation may only commence after the issuance of a permit by the Department of Public Safety.