

QUALIFICATIONS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- Towing units must be properly licensed as required by law for gross weight of entire combination.
- Towing unit must display current safety inspection certificate (beams, dollies, and hauling units exempt).
- License period shall be August 1 through July 31.
- All “moves” are required to obtain a housemove permit (\$20 application fee is charged – Form PF 4).
- Housemover license is not required for an individual moving own building from or to property owned individually by those persons, however, a housemove permit is required (Form PF 4) permit application fee \$20 is required.
- Escorts – Front and Rear are required. The division/district shall determine if escorts are to be law enforcement. All other escorts are required to have an approved certification.
- Housemover is responsible for personal injury or property damage and agrees to hold the Department harmless of any claim(s) arising out of his conduct or actions.
- Responsible for removing all obstruction(s) immediately before and replacement immediately after move at expense of mover, provided that approval from the owner is obtained.
- At no time are trees, shrubs and/or official signs to be cut, trimmed or removed without personal approval of the District Engineer(s) having jurisdiction over the designated route of travel.

Insurance Requirements

- (a) No housemover license shall be issued or renewed unless the applicant files with the Department a certificate(s) of insurance, from an insurance company or companies authorized to do business in this state providing:
- (1) Motor vehicle insurance for bodily injury to or death on one or more persons in any one accident and injury to or destruction or property of others in any one accident with minimum coverage of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) combined single limit of liability;
 - (2) Comprehensive general liability insurance with a minimum coverage of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) combined single limit of liability, including coverage of operations on North Carolina streets and highways that are not covered by motor vehicle insurance; and
 - (3) Workers’ compensation insurance that complies with Chapter 97 for all employees if the person is licensed as a professional housemover.
The exemptions in GS97-13 from the provisions of Chapter 97 shall not apply to licensed housemovers.
- (b) The certificate(s) shall provide for continuous coverage during the effective period of the license issued pursuant to this Article. At the time the certificate is filed, the applicant shall also file with the Department a current list of all motor vehicles covered by the certificate. The applicant shall file amendments to the list within 15 days of any changes.
- (c) An insurance company issuing any insurance policy required by subsection (a) of this section shall notify the Department of any of the following events at least 30 days before its occurrence; (i) cancellation of the policy, (ii) nonrenewal of the policy, or (iii) any change in the policy.
- (d) In addition to all coverage’s required by this section, the applicant shall file with the Department a copy of either; (i) a bond or other acceptable surety providing coverage in the

amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the benefit of a person contracting with the housemover to move that person's structure for all claims for property damage arising from the movement of a structure pursuant to this Article, or (ii) a policy of cargo insurance in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

Application for Permit and Permit Fee

Application for a permit to move a structure must be made to the division or district engineer having jurisdiction at least two days prior to the date of the move. For good cause shown, this time may be waived by the district or division engineer. A travel plan and a permit application fee of \$20.00 shall accompany the application. Division or district engineers are authorized to issue permit for individual moves of a structure or building whose width does not exceed 36 feet. The travel plan will show the proposed route, the time estimated for each segment of the move, a plan to handle traffic so that no delay to other highway users shall exceed 20 minutes. The division or district engineers shall review the travel plan and if the route cannot accommodate the move due to roadway weight limits, bridge size or weight limits, or will cause undue interruption of traffic flow, the permit shall not be issued. The applicant may submit alternate plans if desired until an acceptable route is determined. If the width of the building or structure to be relocated is more than 36 feet, or if no acceptable travel plan has been filed, and the denial of the permit would cause a hardship, the application and travel plan may be submitted to the Department on appeal. After reviewing the route and travel plan, the Department may in its discretion issue the permit after considering the practical physical limitations of the route, the nature and purpose of the move, the size and weight of the structure, the distance the structure is to be moved, and the safety and convenience of the traveling public. A surety bond in an amount to cover the cost of any damages to pavement, structures, bridges, roadway or other damages that may occur can be required if deemed necessary by the Department.