



# SUPERLOAD PERMITS

It is the responsibility of the permittee to reduce all over-dimension and/or overweight loads to the least possible dimension and weight prior to application for a permit. Permits are issued to the registered owner of the power unit with the license plate number and the last 5 digits of the VIN/serial number of the power unit and trailer.

Permit is valid for 10 days for one single trip. \$100 non-refundable application fee due upon submission of application. A base fee of \$12 for each over legal dimension of height, length, width or weight will be charged in addition to a fee of \$3.00 per 1,000 lbs. over 132,000 lbs. gross weight.

## **Permit Regulations**

**Weight:** greater than 132,000lbs. Maximum is determined by the total number of axles, design of axle configurations and the bridge structures being crossed along the specific route of travel.

**Width:** 17' or greater

## **Policies & Procedures**

Please submit applications at least 10 business days prior to the anticipated date of movement to allow for internal and bridge engineering reviews. Once application is submitted, please allow a minimum of 16 business hours before calling the Permit Office to check on the status of the application. To activate a superload permit, call the Permit Office to verify the effective date, origin and destination and all license numbers. Permits are only issued when an activation call is received unless the "Issue Upon Approval" box is checked on the application. Superload permit policy provides for superload applications to remain in an approved pending issue file for a period of ninety (90) days from date of receipt. Bridge engineering studies expire after 90 days and the application is considered void.

## **Travel Regulations**

A detailed route of travel from a specific origin to a specific destination (including county/state road numbers) must be provided. A return trip must be submitted by separate application if needed. Authorized time of movement is restricted to Monday through Sunday, sunrise to sunset unless otherwise stated on permit. Continuous travel (24 hr / 365 days a year) is not authorized. Permitted vehicle/vehicle combinations exceeding a width of 12' are not authorized to travel within a 10 mile radius of the city limits of Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham or Chapel Hill between the hours of 7:00am – 9:00am and 4:00pm – 6:00pm. Convoy travel is prohibited - permitted vehicles owned or leased by the same company or permitted vehicles originating at the same location shall travel at a distance of 2 or more miles apart. Exception: SHP escort (if required) has the authority to determine travel time and number of permitted vehicle combinations.

## **Safety Equipment**

A 7' long by 18" tall yellow banner with black, 10" high x 1 ½" brush strokes bearing the legend "OVERSIZE LOAD" or "WIDE LOAD" shall be displayed on the front and rear bumpers of any vehicle combination more than 10' wide. Two separate banners totaling a length of 7' to provide for display of registration plates/decals may be used. Red or orange 18" square flags shall be placed on all four corners at the widest points of overwidth load or as specified on the permit.

**Escorts** (unless otherwise specified on permit) See Publication E-9 for more information.

- One front pole car escort vehicle for loads exceeding 14' 5" in height.
- Front escort for permitted loads exceeding 12' in width on two lane/two way traffic highways and rear escort on multi-lane highways or as determined by the issuing agent and stated on the permit.
- Total of three (3) escorts (one must be NC State Hwy Patrol) for permitted loads exceeding 16' in width.
- Rear escort for permitted loads exceeding 110' in length. Front and rear escorts for permitted loads exceeding 150' in length.
- Rear escort for permitted loads 15' or greater of rear overhang.
- Front escort for permitted loads of 150,000lbs. or greater.
- Additional escorts may be required for any vehicle or vehicle combination with individual consideration of weight, width, length, height, weather, geographical location or route of travel as determined by issuing agent.