



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

OVERSIZE || OVERWEIGHT

Vehicle Permitting Handbook

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Introduction Why Certain Vehicles Must Have Permits

When Do I Need a Permit?

IC 9-20-1

Indiana roads and highways were constructed to accommodate certain vehicles. Whenever a vehicle, or a combination of vehicles, exceeds the legal size or weight established by law, a permit is required. The permitting process helps ensure that appropriate routes are used, including bridges, and enforces the required safety procedures. Permit holders are also responsible for any damages caused. Consequently, the safety of all Indiana motorists is better safeguarded.

Fees collected for the permits are distributed to the State Highway Fund, which enables financing for state and local road improvements, maintenance and policing.

To determine if you need a permit, first you must make sure your load is not divisible. In other words, is your load broken down to the smallest it can be? The following is the definition of a nondivisible load as stated in 23 Code of Federal Regulations 658.5:

- 1) As used in this part, nondivisible means any load or vehicle exceeding applicable length or weight limits, which, if separated into smaller loads or vehicles, would:
 - i) compromise the intended use of the vehicle, i.e., make it unable to perform the function for which it was intended;
 - ii) destroy the value of the load or vehicle, i.e., make it unusable for its intended purpose; or
 - iii) require more than 8 work hours to dismantle using appropriate equipment. The applicant for a nondivisible load permit has the burden of proof as to the number of work hours required to dismantle the load.

Please note there is one exception to the rule of nondivisible loads. As stated in IC 9-20-5-4, Indiana has designated extra heavy-duty highways in northern Indiana. On these highways, you may haul divisible loads with a total gross weight of up to 134,000 pounds (subject to legal axle weights) with a special permit, commonly known as a “Michigan Train Permit.” For more information on Michigan Train Permits, see page 12.

If your load is nondivisible and you exceed the legal dimensions, you will need an oversize/overweight permit. Permits are provided through the consolidated efforts of the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Revenue. The Department of Transportation maintains and safeguards Indiana highways and evaluates particular road conditions and passability. Permits are issued if traffic will not be severely affected and the highway and bridges will not be seriously damaged. The Department of Revenue ensures that the proper permits are issued and the fees paid.

IC 9-20-3, IC 9-20-4 & IC 9-20-9

Once your load is nondivisible, you must determine if your truck and load are over the legal dimensions and/or legal weight for Indiana.

To travel legally on any Indiana roads, you cannot exceed the following dimensions or weight:

- 13 feet 6 inches in height; or
- 8 feet 6 inches in width; or
- 40 feet in length for a single vehicle; or
- 60 feet in length for a two-vehicle combination.

* If your two-vehicle combination is connected by a fifth wheel hook-up, there is not an overall length limit, but your trailer and load length cannot exceed 53 feet.
80,000 pounds gross vehicle weight; or

Legal Dimensions and Weight

Legal Dimensions and Weight, continued

12,000 pounds on the steering axle; or
20,000 pounds on a single axle; or
34,000 pounds on a tandem axle; or
800 pounds per inch of rim width and subject to the above axle weights.

An overweight vehicle is generally any vehicle whose overall weight exceeds 80,000 pounds. However, road and bridge stress levels are determined by the distribution of the weight, so it is important that the weight per axle, or sets of tandem axles, are observed. Weight per tire is also considered. The total gross weight may be calculated by the following federal bridge formula and then compared with the established weight limits listed above.

W = 500 {[LN) ÷ (N-1)] + 12N + 36} where

W = The overall gross weight on any group of two or more consecutive axles, to the nearest 500 pounds,

L = The distance between the extreme of any group of two or more consecutive axles, and

N = The number of axles in the group under consideration, except that two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of 34,000 pounds each, providing the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles are at least 36 feet or more apart.

For more information on determining legal weight, please see the Federal Bridge Table on page 17 and the Wheel Weight Computation Table on page 18.

If your truck and load exceed the legal dimensions and your load is nondivisible, you may apply for an Indiana oversize/overweight vehicle permit.

Additional legal dimensions for other types of vehicles are listed below. Please note that these types of vehicles are considered divisible and cannot be permitted if they exceed these dimensions.

The maximum length of each semitrailer unit in a **truck-tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer** combination is 28 feet 6 inches.

A Combination of Three Vehicles, coupled together, including the load, may not exceed 65 feet.

The maximum length of a **maxi-cube vehicle** combination is 65 feet, and the maximum length of the separable cargo-carrying unit is 34 feet.

A **recreation vehicle** may not exceed 45 feet.

A vehicle used by **railway companies** to transport steel rails in connection with railroad construction, reconstruction, or maintenance project may not exceed 40 feet.

A **single vehicle with permanently installed equipment** used for lifting, reaching, pumping or spraying is allowed an additional five (5) feet of overhang for the equipment; however, the allowable overhang may not be used to transport cargo.

An **articulating bus** may not exceed 65 feet.

Legal Dimensions and Weight, continued Exemptions

A **conventional school bus** may not exceed 38 feet. A conventional school bus is one designed with the engine compartment projecting forward from the passenger compartment.

A **transit school bus** may not exceed 42 feet. A transit school bus is one designed with the engine compartment located inside the underneath of the passenger compartment.

Any **other buses** may not exceed 45 feet.

IC 9-20-2 & IC 9-20-9-11

Note: There are certain exemptions from oversize/overweight permits. When traveling on any road other than an interstate highway, certain vehicles are exempt from the permitting requirements. They include:

- 1) A vehicle engaged in the construction of highways, when the movement of the vehicle is confined to highways, roads, or sections that are under construction and not yet open to the public. The only exception to this would be if the authority having jurisdiction over the construction of a public highway gives notice that a permit is needed.
- 2) Machinery or equipment used in highway construction or maintenance by the Indiana Department of Transportation, or by Indiana counties or municipalities.
- 3) Implements of agriculture when used during farming operations or when so constructed that the implements can be moved without material damage to highways.
- 4) The width or height of a farm vehicle loaded with a farm product. This includes a truck hauling unprocessed tobacco leaf.
- 5) Fire-fighting apparatus owned or operated by a political subdivision or volunteer fire company.
- 6) The movement of a disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles for a distance that does not exceed fifty (50) highway miles by a registered recovery vehicle or by a vehicle described in IC 9-18-13-5 is exempt from the dimension and weight limits under this article.

For more information, please see IC 9-20-2.

Special Restrictions

Farm Vehicles

IC 9-20-10

A farm tractor may not draw more than two wagons or farm implements upon a highway. The wagons or implements must conform with all other laws respecting the use of highways.

Combined Vehicles

IC 9-20-9-8

The draw bar or other connection between any two vehicles may not exceed 15 feet, when one vehicle is towing or drawing the other. Each trailer and semitrailer must be attached to the vehicle and to each other with coupling devices that prevent the trailer or semitrailer from being deflected more than six inches from the path of the towing vehicle or to each other. This must be accomplished by means of suitable safety chains or devices, one on each side of the coupling and at the extreme outer edge of the vehicle. Each chain or device and connection used must be strong enough to haul the trailer when loaded.

Generally, when a semitrailer is longer than 48 feet, 6 inches, the distance between the kingpin and the rearmost axle must be 43 feet or less.

IC 9-20-11

Except on an interstate highway, a garbage truck that is designed and equipped with a self-compactor or detachable container, that is used exclusively for garbage, refuse or recycling operations and is laden with garbage, refuse or recycles may not exceed a gross weight of:

- 1) twenty-four thousand (24,000) pounds upon a single axle; and
- 2) forty-two thousand (42,000) pounds upon a tandem axle group.

Garbage Trucks

When unladen, a garbage truck must comply with the same axle limitations applicable to all other trucks. Also, the wheel weight limitations for all other trucks apply to garbage trucks, laden or unladen.

Additional Information Before Ordering a Permit

There are a few things to consider prior to ordering your permit. You should have already determined if your load is nondivisible. The next thing is your origin and destination. If you are coming from or going to another state your origin or destination will be the state line you will be using i.e. IL line, KY line, OH line, or MI line. If your origin or destination is within Indiana, we will need the city you will be going to or coming from. Determining what route will be used is the responsibility of the carrier. You can obtain detour and bridge information from the internet. The detour and bridge information can be obtained from the Internet at www.in.gov/indot/2430.htm

You may not move over a bridge, causeway, or viaduct on a highway if the weight of your vehicle is more than the maximum load that can be carried safely. When you apply for any of the various permits, part of the process means that the route is reviewed for bridges and limitations. Every effort is made to ensure that your route is reviewed in detail and that any new construction or other elements are identified; however, you are ultimately responsible for obeying posted signs regarding weights and clearances.

Additional laws and Regulations can be found in the :

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations Handbook located on the Internet at www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/cfr-table-search.html and/or

Indiana Code and Indiana Administrative Code located on the Internet at www.in.gov/legislative/ic_ia/

Hard copies of these books can be found through various retailers.

How Do I Get a Permit

The first step in ordering an Indiana oversize/overweight vehicle permit is to enter into a written agreement with Indiana. You must complete form M-203 (Transporting Company Agreement). You may fax your completed form to (317) 821-2336, or mail to:

Motor Carrier Services
5252 Decatur Boulevard, Suite R
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Or, you may complete this form electronically at www.in.gov/dor Click “Motor Carrier Professionals” from the left-side navigation menu. Click “Continue” in the middle of the page. Once you have followed the directions to change your security settings, click on “Oversize/Overweight” and then select “New to Indiana?” Apply for an OSW account. Complete the electronic application and submit.

You have three options when ordering permits. You may go online and obtain your permits, fax your permits to Motor Carrier Services or you can use a Permitting Service (our Web site contains a list of Permitting Services). If you would like to fax your permits, complete form M-233 then fax to (317) 821-2336.

When obtaining your permits online you must first create a User ID. To accomplish this go to www.in.gov/dor, select Motor Carrier Professionals from the left side navigation menu, and then select OSW. Next, select OSW under online applications.

On this link, the first bullet is labeled “Log into OSW.” Once you have obtained your User ID and password (see instructions below) this link will allow you to log into our system

Which Type of Permit is Needed

where you may request, pay and print your permits. Before you can log in however, you must obtain you user ID and password.

To obtain your User ID and password, click on the second bullet labeled “First Time User?” This link allows you to register and obtain your User ID and password.

The other links on our Web site will help you with the permitting process. You will see links for maps, forms and the detour bulletin. You will also see a link for the Internet Permitting System Manual. This manual will explain how to use our online system.

Once your M-203 is received, it will be processed within 24 hours and you will receive a call with your company identification number.

Once your company has been registered, you must then determine which type of permit you need. A list of the different types of Indiana permits is below.

- Trips Permit
 - Oversize / Overweight Single Trip Permits
 - Superload Permits
 - Mobile Home Permits
- Special Weight Permits
- 90 Day
 - Oversize Permits
 - Mobile Home Permits
- Annual
 - Oversize Permits
 - Mobile home Permits
 - Toll Road Gate Permits

	Multiple Trips (1 Day)	Single Trip (5 Days)	Single Trip (15 Days)	90 Days	Annual
Oversize			√	√	√
Overweight			√		
OS/OW			√		
Toll Gate		√	√		√
Special Weight	√				
Mobile Home Rig 8'6" - 12'4"			√	√	√
Special Mobile Home 12'4" - 14'4"		√		√	√
Towing Disabled			√		

Oversize/ Overweight Permits

An oversize and/or overweight permit is for a load (except mobile homes) that is over the legal dimensions but does not exceed the following dimensions:

16 feet wide
110 feet long
15 feet high
120,000 pounds

This permit may be granted for one trip, one way (or round trip within Indiana) and is valid for 15 days.

The fee for an **oversize** permit is:

\$20.00 if your dimensions do not exceed:

12 feet 4 inches wide
95 feet long
13 feet 6 inches high
80,000 pounds

\$30.00 if your dimensions are:

between 12 feet 5 inches and 16 feet wide
between 96 feet and 110 feet long
between 13 feet 7 inches and 15 feet high
80,000 pounds

The fee for an **overweight** permit is:

\$20.00 base fee plus \$0.35 per mile if
your dimensions are under:

8 feet 6 inches wide
legal length
13 feet 6 inches high
120,000 pounds

\$20.00 base fee plus \$0.60 per mile if
your dimensions are:

under 8 feet 6 inches wide
under legal length
under 13 feet 6 inches high
120,000 pounds to 150,000 pounds

The fee for an **oversize and overweight** permit is the greater of the calculated overweight or oversize fees.

If you exceed these limits and do not fall under any other permit type, you would need a **superload** permit. See page 10-11 for superload permits.

If your route includes the Indiana Toll Road and you are over the toll road legal dimensions on page 14-15, you will be charged an additional \$5.00 if you are oversize only. If you are overweight, the Department will charge \$50.00 for permits with weight that exceeds 90,000 pounds, \$75.00 for permits with weight that exceeds 120,000 pounds and \$100.00 for permits with weights that exceed 200,000 pounds.

A 90-day or annual permit may be obtained only for oversize loads that are over legal dimensions but do not exceed the following dimensions:

12 feet 4 inches wide
110 feet long
13 feet 6 inches high
80,000 pounds

A 90-day or annual permit is valid for any number of trips within the permit time period. You may not travel on the Indiana Toll Road with a 90-day or annual oversize only permit.

The fee for a 90-day oversize only permit is \$100.00.

The fee for an annual oversize only permit is \$405.00.

90-Day and Annual Oversize Only Permits

Mobile Home Permits

There are 4 types of mobile home permits: 12 feet 4 inch wide permits, 14 feet 4 inches wide permits, 16 feet wide permits and mobile home dealer permits. Currently you may purchase single trip permits for each move or for the 12 feet 4 inch wide and the 14 feet 4 inch wide you may purchase 90-day or annual permits. 90-day or annual permits are not available for 16 feet wide mobile homes; you must purchase a single trip permit for these.

12 Feet 4 Inch Wide Mobile Home Permits

A 12 feet 4 inch wide mobile home permit is for a movement of a mobile home that is over legal dimensions but does not exceed the following dimensions:

- 12 feet 4 inches wide
- 110 feet overall length
- 14 feet high
- 80,000 pounds (subject to axle weight)

12 Feet 4 Inch Mobile Home Permit Fees:

Single Trip Permit	\$10.00
90-Day Permit	\$250.00
Annual Permit	\$1,000.00

Note: The mobile home, including the hitch, cannot be more than 85 feet long and the tractor cannot be less than 12 feet long.

To obtain a single trip, 90-day, or annual 12 feet 4 inch wide mobile home permit, please use Form M-233. Be sure to check the appropriate box for the permit type you are requesting.

If your single trip permit route includes the Indiana Toll Road and you are over the toll road legal dimensions on page 14-15, you will be charged an additional \$5.00 if you are oversize only. If you are overweight, the Department will charge \$50.00 for permits with weight that exceeds 90,000 pounds, \$75.00 for permits with weight that exceeds 120,000 pounds and \$100.00 for permits with weights that exceed 200,000 pounds. You may not use the toll road when carrying a 90-day or annual 12 feet 4 inch wide mobile home permit.

14 Feet 4 Inch Wide Mobile Home Permits

A 14 feet 4 inch wide mobile home permit is for the movement of a mobile home that is over legal dimensions but does not exceed the following dimensions:

- 14 feet 4 inches wide
- 110 feet overall length
- 14 feet 6 inches high
- 80,000 pounds (subject to axle weight)

14 Feet 4 Inch Wide Mobile Home Permit Fees:

Single Trip Permit	\$18.00
90-Day Permit	\$500.00
Annual Permit	\$2,000.00

Note: The mobile home, including the hitch, cannot be more than 85 feet long and the tractor cannot be less than 12 feet long.

To obtain a single trip, 90-day, or annual 14 feet 4 inch wide mobile home permit, please use Form M-233. Be sure to check the box for the appropriate permit type you are requesting.

If your single trip permit route includes the Indiana Toll Road and you are over the toll road legal dimensions on page 14-15, you will be charged an additional \$5.00 if you are oversize only. If you are overweight, the Department will charge \$50.00 for permits with weight that

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exceeds 90,000 pounds, \$75.00 for permits with weight that exceeds 120,000 pounds and \$100.00 for permits with weights that exceed 200,000 pounds. You may not use the toll road when carrying a 90-day or annual 14 feet 4 inch wide mobile home permit.

16 Feet Wide Mobile Home Permits

A 16 feet wide mobile home permit is for the movement of a mobile home that is over legal dimensions but does not exceed the following dimensions:

- 16 feet wide
- 85 feet long, including hitch; tractor must be at least 12 feet long
- 110 overall length
- 14 feet 6 inches high
- 80,000 pounds

16 Feet Wide Mobile Home Permit Fee \$30.00

To obtain a 16 feet wide mobile home permit, please use Form M-233. Be sure to check the appropriate box for the permit type you are requesting.

If your trip permit route includes the Indiana Toll Road and you are over the toll road legal dimensions on page 14-15, you will be charged an additional \$5.00 if you are oversize only. If you are overweight, the Department will charge \$50.00 for permits with weight that exceeds 90,000 pounds, \$75.00 for permits with weight that exceeds 120,000 pounds and \$100.00 for permits with weights that exceed 200,000 pounds.

Mobile Home Annual Dealer Permits

A mobile home annual dealer permit is for the movement of mobile homes that are over legal dimensions but do not exceed the following dimensions:

- 12 feet 4 inches wide
- 85 feet long, including hitch; tractor must be at least 12 feet long
- 13 feet 6 inches high
- 80,000 pounds

Mobile Home Annual Dealer Permit Fee \$40.00

Note: This permit type is for mobile home dealers only. A dealer is generally someone who sells at least 12 mobile homes each year to the general public, for delivery within Indiana, from an established place of business. A dealer may request an annual permit, valid for any number of trips during the calendar year, for each towing vehicle. To qualify for an annual mobile home dealer permit, you must have a dealer number.

Superload Permits

A superload permit is for vehicles which exceed the following dimensions:

- 16 feet wide
- 110 feet long
- 15 feet high
- 120,000 pounds

When requesting permits over 200,000 pounds you have two options. You can either request a superload preapproval or you can obtain a trip permit.

If you know the start date of your permit and you do not have more than one load for the trip then you should request a trip permit.

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However, if you do not know your start date or if you have more than one load with the same configuration and same route then request a superload preapproval. The superload preapproval allows your request to be sent to the bridge engineers for approval. Once the superload preapproval has been approved you will pay for the \$25.00 executive fee, \$10.00 administrative fee, and the bridge analysis fee (\$10.00 per bridge). Once the fees are paid you will be given a superload preapproval number. When you know your start date you can order up to 3 trip permits within 30 days using the superload preapproval number. This allows your trip permits to be issued within the time frame of a routine permit. When your trip permit is approved you will only pay the permit fees to get your permit issued. When requesting the trip permit using your superload preapproval number you will need to supply your start date, description of load, and if you are using a different truck you can change the truck information when ordering the trip permit. The truck configuration, dimensions, and route cannot be changed because they have been analyzed by the engineer

Superload Permit Fees

Oversize Only Superload Permit	\$40.00
Overweight Only Superload Permit	\$20.00 base fee plus a per mileage fee*

*Per Mileage Fees - Based on Weight

108,001 pounds to 150,000 pounds	\$0.60 per mile
Greater than 150,000 pounds	\$1.00 per mile

The fee for an oversize and overweight superload permit is the greater of the calculated oversize only or overweight only fees.

In addition to these superload permit fees, all superload permits are subject to a \$10.00 executive fee and a \$25.00 design review fee (if you exceed 200,000 pounds).

To apply for a superload permit, you must complete Form M-233 (Oversize/Overweight Permit Form). You can fax your completed form to (317) 821-2336 or mail it to:

Motor Carrier Services
5252 Decatur Boulevard, Suite R
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Superload permits over 200,000 pounds take 5-7 business days for processing. You are encouraged to submit Form M-233 up to 15 days in advance of the start date to be approved, or request superload pre-approval from the Internet for each trip permit.

What is the "Bridge" Program?

Most bridges today are designed using a typical design vehicle known as "HS-20." This is a vehicle configuration that has been developed by AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) and is thought to be an adequate design for the majority of actual vehicles using the city streets and state highways. With this design vehicle, the "bending moment" (or the stress) is already known for different bridge span lengths. Our "Bridge" program will, upon entering your axle weights and axle spacings, calculate the stresses caused by your vehicle, compare those stresses to the stresses caused by an HS-20 design vehicle, and calculate an "equivalent HS rating" for your vehicle. An "equivalent HS rating" of 40.00 or more will cause your permit application to be submitted to B.A.R.S., regardless of the total gross weight.

What do "O.R.S." and "B.A.R.S." mean?

O.R.S. and B.A.R.S. are acronyms for computer programs. The two programs are used in conjunction with one another. O.R.S. is our Overload Routing System. This is a database query which is used to create a data file and identify all bridges being crossed by a particular vehicle using the applicant's requested route. That data file, along with the axle weights and

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axle spacings of the vehicle, are submitted to B.A.R.S., the Bridge Analysis and Rating System. This program performs a detailed structural analysis on every bridge that will be crossed, using the actual vehicle configuration of the permitted vehicle. Once the program has finished and the output has been analyzed, one of four conditions will apply to each individual bridge on the route: a) NO RESTRICTION - the bridge may be crossed at the maximum allowable speed with no restrictions; b) ONE LANE DISTRIBUTION - the bridge may be crossed at the maximum allowable speed, traveling in the center of the travel lanes while alone on the structure; c) SLOWDOWN - the bridge must be crossed at a reduced speed, traveling in the center of the travel lanes while alone on the structure; or d) FAILURE - the bridge may not be crossed by this particular vehicle.

A superload permit agent will call you after the analysis has been completed to let you know the results. Any bridges to be crossed as SLOWDOWNS will be faxed to you along with their locations. A traffic control letter, stating how the traffic will be controlled at these locations, will be required from your company prior to the permit being issued. You will also be notified if any of the bridges FAILED the B.A.R.S. analysis. If this happens, you may either try a different route, or try a different vehicle configuration (decreasing the axle weights and/or increasing the axle spacings). In either case, the permit application will need to be run again through O.R.S. and B.A.R.S. Please be aware of O.R.S. fees of \$10 per bridge which your company will be expected to pay in addition to the permit fee.

B.A.R.S. analysis is automatically required for any permit application for a vehicle having a total gross weight in excess of 200,000 pounds, or for any vehicle for which the "Bridge" program returns an "equivalent HS rating" of 40.00 or more. For these applications, in addition to the normal permit processing time of 5 to 7 days, please allow an extra 3 to 5 days for processing.

Special Weight ("Michigan Train") Permits

Special weight permits, commonly known as "Michigan Train Permits," are used for certain vehicle configurations that haul only in northern Indiana. The routes are set by statute and are described in IC 9-20-5-4. Special weight permits are valid for any number of trips within a twenty-four (24) hour period from the time you purchase the permit. This is the only permit that can be purchased for a divisible load.

Special weight permits may be obtained for loads that are over legal weight but do not exceed the following dimensions:

- 8 feet 6 inches wide
- legal length
- 13 feet 6 inches high
- 134,000 pounds gross vehicle weight
- 18,000 pounds per single axle weight
- 13,000 pounds per axle in tandem, with the exception of one tandem group, which may weigh 16,000 pounds per axle
- 800 pounds per inch of rim width

Axle Spacings: Axles cannot be less than 3 feet 6 inches between each axle in an axle combination. Also, the axle spacings between each axle or axle combination may not be less than 8 feet.

Annual Registration Fee	\$25.00
Special Weight Permit Fee	\$42.50

To apply for special weight permits you must first register your company and vehicles. To register you can do so online by clicking the "Register for Special Weight" button on the left-

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hand menu (for further details see the Internet Permitting System Manual). If you choose not to use the online system, complete form M-211 and fax it to (317) 821-2336. The registration cost is \$25.00 per company per year. You can pay this fee online after you register or if you chose to fax your M-211, please include a credit card authorization for the \$25.00 payment. You can also mail your check to our office along with the form M-211 to:

Indiana Department of Revenue
Motor Carrier Services
5252 Decatur Blvd. Ste R
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Quarterly billing authorization is also available for this type of permit. Quarterly billing authorization allows you to pay for your special weight permits on a quarterly basis. If you would like to have quarterly billing authorization, check Box C on Form M-211. At the end of each quarter, you will receive a bill for all special weight permits issued to your company during that time. A bond is required for quarterly billing authorization.

Generally, anyone who wants the quarterly billing authorization must have a bond on file. The bond must be in an amount equal to or greater than the maximum estimated fees for trip permits during any calendar quarter. The bond must remain in effect continuously until canceled, and should be filed on Form M-219.

If you choose not to select quarterly billing authorization you must pay for your applications after each permit request. If you requested your permit online, you can pay online. If you faxed in your permit request, you will need to put a credit card on file. You can put your credit card on file by completing a credit card authorization form and faxing it to (317) 821-2336

Once you have registered, paid your annual registration fee, and have a form of payment set, you can apply for Michigan Train permits. For more information about how to apply for your permits using the internet, please see the Internet Permitting System Manual on our Web site. If you would prefer to fax in your permit request, please complete form M-233 ST and fax it to (317) 821-2336.

Toll Road Gate Annual Permits

A toll road gate permit is needed anytime an oversize and/or overweight vehicle needs to travel to or from an Indiana toll gate using an Indiana road.

The toll road gate permit is granted for one vehicle, per gate, for one calendar year. The permit is valid for a distance no greater than fifteen (15) miles to or from the closest toll gate. To qualify for an annual toll road gate permit, your vehicle must not exceed the following limits:

A single vehicle, when the width does not exceed 12 feet, the length does not exceed 65 feet and the height does not exceed 13 feet 6 inches. The maximum weight, subject to axle limits, may not exceed 90,000 pounds.

A combination of two vehicles (tractor-trailer) whose trailer does not exceed 53 feet in length, the width of which does not exceed 12 feet, and the height does not exceed 13 feet 6 inches. The maximum weight, subject to axle limits, may not exceed 90,000 pounds.

A combination of three vehicles (tractor-trailer-trailer) whose trailers do not exceed 48 feet 6 inches each, the width of which does not exceed 8 feet 6 inches, and the height does not exceed 13 feet 6 inches. The maximum weight, subject to axle limits, may not exceed 127,000 pounds. Caution: You must contact the toll road authority and obtain a toll road certification for this type of vehicle.

Towing Disabled Permits

A combination of four vehicles (tractor and triple trailers) whose trailers do not exceed 28 feet 6 inches each, the width of which does not exceed 8 feet 6 inches, and the height does not exceed 13 feet 6 inches. The maximum weight, subject to axle limits, may not exceed 127,400 pounds. **Caution:** You must contact the toll road authority and obtain a toll road certification for this type of vehicle. This type of triple trailer combination is not allowed on any highway other than an Indiana toll road, except between an Indiana toll road designated make-up, break-up area and the nearest toll gate.

Indiana Toll Road Gate Permit Fee \$20.00 per truck/per gate

A combination of vehicles, include a towing vehicle and a disabled vehicle, that exceed the legal dimension and weight limits may be operated on a highway in Indiana upon the following conditions and if the towing vehicle:

- is specifically designed for such operations;
- is equipped with amber flashing lights; and
- is capable of utilizing the lighting and braking system of the disabled vehicle(s), if the systems are operational

The disabled vehicle or disabled combination of vehicles may not exceed the dimensional or weight restrictions imposed, unless a permit for operation in excess of those restrictions has been granted to the disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles.

In lieu of the above, a special towing permit allowing the operation of a combination of vehicles on a highway in Indiana may be granted. The permit may designate the route to be traveled and may contain other restrictions or conditions as considered necessary.

Towing Disabled Permit Fee \$10.00

Note: A registered recovery vehicle is exempt from the permitting requirements if a disabled vehicle(s) is towed for a distance of less than fifty (50) miles.

This summary is intended to assist in answering commonly asked questions regarding allowable dimension and weight limits on the Indiana Toll Road.

Width

Over 8 feet 6 inches	Class 8 toll charged
Over 12 feet	Oversize/Overweight Permit needed

Tollbooths can accommodate widths up to 16 feet. Contact engineering for widths over 16 feet.

Height

Between 13 feet 6 inches and 14 feet 6 inches	Class 8 toll charged
Over 14 feet 6 inches	Oversize/Overweight Permit needed

Bridges can accommodate heights up to 15 feet 6 inches. Contact Engineering for heights over 15 feet 6 inches.

Length

Single vehicle under own motive power (other than buses):

Over 36 feet 0 inches to 65 feet 0 inches	Class 8 toll charged
Over 65 feet 0 inches	Oversize/Overweight Permit needed

Indiana Toll Road Dimensions

Indiana Toll Road Dimensions continued

Buses:

Over 40 feet 0 inches to 65 feet 0 inches Class 8 toll charged
Cannot exceed 65 feet 0 inches

Two vehicle combination:

Over 60 feet 0 inches Oversize/Overweight Permit needed

Three vehicle combination:

Cannot exceed 65 feet 0 inches

Semitractor and trailer combinations:

Trailer length is limited to 53'0". There is no overall combination length restriction.

Trailer over 53 feet 0 inches Oversize/Overweight Permit needed

Semitractor in three vehicle combination (pups)

Trailer length is limited to 28'6". There is no overall combination length restriction.

Weight

Maximum single axle weight 22,400 lbs.

Maximum tandem axle weight per axle 18,000 lbs.

Maximum gross weight 90,000 lbs.

Vehicles over these limits Oversize/Overweight Permit needed

Please visit www.getizoom.com for more information concerning the Indiana Toll Road.

Once you have sent in a request for any type of permit, **do not** send another request for the same load. This may cause duplicate permits to be approved. Because a permit is valid once it is approved, a permit usually cannot be voided. Permits fees must be paid prior to issuance, so we cannot refund your money if you receive two permits for the same load.

If you need to change, cancel or inquire about a permit, you may request a change to your permit using the Internet by clicking on "Apply for an Amendment" from the left-hand menu (for further details see the Internet Permitting System Manual). If you faxed your permit request or would rather request the change on paper, complete form M-233 IC and fax it to (317) 821-2336.

It is the responsibility of the driver to read and review the permit information before starting the trip. If the permit is incorrect, or is otherwise in error, the driver must request a permit change before starting the trip. There are five areas subject to change on the permits; however, annual permits can have only one change throughout the life of the permit and can only change tractor information.

Tractor: Permits are not transferable, but if a request is made within three calendar days of the issue date, a change may be granted (e.g., a permit issued on Monday may be changed by the end of business on Wednesday). Power unit changes are allowed only if the original unit is inoperative. A \$3.00 fee is required.

What If I Have Problems Once a Permit Has Been Ordered?

What If I Have Problems Once a Permit Has Been Ordered? continued

Dimension and Weight: A request for this type of change must be made within three calendar days of the issue date. However, mobile home permits may not be changed. A \$3.00 fee is required, plus any added charges associated with increasing the weight.

Routes: If applicable, a route change may be granted within three calendar days of the permit issue date. However, we cannot change the origin of destination on a route. A \$3.00 fee is required, plus any added charges associated with increasing the mileage.

Time Extension: A request must be made before the permit expires, and only one extension may be issued. A \$6.00 fee is required.

If for any reason you would like to cancel a permit you have requested, you must do so before the permit has been reviewed. You can cancel a permit on the internet by selecting “Cancel an Application” from the left-hand menu (for further details see the Internet Permitting System Manual). If you would prefer to cancel an application by fax, please complete form M-233 IC and fax it to (317) 821-2336. Please note, once a permit has been approved you cannot cancel the application. You are responsible for the payment.

If you have problems with the billing or accounting aspect of your permits, please call (317) 615-7294.

Billing and Accounting Problems

Penalty & Interest Charges

IC 6-8-1

The permit fees are considered a “listed tax” and, as such, are subject to audits by the Department of Revenue. They also are subject to penalty and interest charges that apply to other listed taxes. Specifically, this means that if your permit fees are not paid timely, you will be assessed a penalty of 10 percent of the fee due, as well as an annual interest rate. Consequently, it is very important to pay your fees on time if you wish to avoid penalty and interest charges.

IC 9-26-6

Payments

Fees for your permits must be paid before the permit can be issued.

You can pay for your permits online by selecting “Pay for Applications” from the left-hand (for further details see the Internet Permitting System Manual). When paying online you can pay by credit card, e-check or open an escrow account.

If you have faxed your permit request, we will contact you for your credit card information to pay for your permits. If you would like, you can complete a credit card authorization and put your credit card on file so you do not have to give us your credit card information every time. You also have the option to open an escrow account.

An escrow account is an account which you deposit money into and we will hold those funds until you would like to pay for a permit. We will then deduct your permit fees from your account. It is your responsibility to keep track of your escrow account and replenish as needed. You can obtain your escrow balance from the internet or by calling our office at (317) 615-7320.

If you need additional information about opening an escrow account, please call (317) 615-7294.

Federal Bridge Table

Distance in feet, between the center hub of the first axle to the center hub of the last axle.	Maximum load in pounds, carried on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles.								
	2 axles	3 axles	4 axles	5 axles	6 axles	7 axles	8 axles	9 axles	
4 feet	34,000								
5 feet	35,000								
6 feet	36,000								
7 feet	37,000								
8 feet	38,000	42,000							
9 feet	39,000	42,750							
10 feet	40,000	43,500							
11 feet		44,250							
12 feet		45,000	50,000						
13 feet		45,750	50,666						
14 feet		46,500	51,333						
15 feet		47,250	52,000						
16 feet		48,000	52,666	58,000					
17 feet		48,750	53,333	58,625					
18 feet		49,500	54,000	59,250					
19 feet		50,250	54,666	59,875					
20 feet		51,000	55,333	60,500	66,000				
21 feet		51,750	56,000	61,125	66,600				
22 feet		52,500	56,666	61,750	67,200				
23 feet		53,250	57,333	62,375	67,800				
24 feet		54,000	58,000	63,000	68,400	74,000			
25 feet		54,750	58,666	63,625	69,000	74,583			
26 feet		55,500	59,333	64,250	69,600	75,166			
27 feet		56,250	60,000	64,875	70,200	75,750			
28 feet		57,000	60,666	65,500	70,800	76,333	82,000		
29 feet		57,750	61,333	66,125	71,400	76,916	82,571		
30 feet		58,500	62,000	67,750	72,000	77,500	83,142		
31 feet		59,250	62,666	67,375	72,600	78,083	83,714		
32 feet		60,000	63,333	68,000	73,200	78,666	84,285	90,000	
33 feet			64,000	68,625	73,800	79,250	84,857	90,562	
34 feet			64,666	69,250	74,400	79,833	85,428	91,125	
35 feet			65,333	69,875	75,000	80,416	86,000	91,687	
36 feet			66,000	70,500	75,600	81,000	86,581	92,250	
37 feet			66,666	71,125	76,200	81,583	87,142	92,812	
38 feet			67,333	71,750	76,800	82,166	87,714	93,375	
39 feet			68,000	72,375	77,400	82,750	88,285	93,937	
40 feet			68,666	73,000	78,000	83,333	88,857	94,500	
41 feet			69,333	73,625	78,600	83,916	89,428	95,062	
42 feet			70,000	74,250	79,200	84,500	90,000	95,625	
43 feet			70,666	74,875	79,800	85,083	90,571	96,187	
44 feet			71,333	75,500	80,400	85,666	91,142	96,750	
45 feet			72,000	76,125	81,000	86,250	91,714	97,312	
46 feet			72,666	76,750	81,600	86,833	92,285	97,875	
47 feet			73,333	77,375	82,200	87,416	92,857	98,437	
48 feet			74,000	78,000	82,800	88,000	93,428	99,000	
49 feet			74,666	78,625	83,400	88,583	94,000	99,562	
50 feet			75,333	79,250	84,000	89,166	94,571	100,125	
51 feet			76,000	79,875	84,600	89,750	95,142	100,687	
52 feet			76,666	80,500	85,200	90,333	95,714	101,250	
53 feet			77,333	81,125	85,800	90,916	96,285	101,812	
54 feet			78,000	81,750	86,400	91,500	96,857	102,375	
55 feet			78,666	82,375	87,000	92,083	97,428	102,937	
56 feet			79,333	83,000	87,600	92,666	98,000	103,500	
57 feet			80,000	83,625	88,200	93,250	98,571	104,062	
58 feet				84,250	88,800	93,833	99,142	104,625	
59 feet				84,875	89,400	94,416	99,714	105,187	
60 feet				85,500	90,000	95,000	100,285	105,750	

Wheel Weight Computation

Various combinations of rims and tires are being used to gain the maximum weight allowed by law. In such cases the **rim width** must be used in determining the legal wheel weight. Use the following chart to determine if your weight per wheel is permissible. (The rim width in column 3 multiplied by 800 pounds yields the allowable weight per tire in column 4.)

(1) Tire Size	(2) Rim Size	(3) Rim Width	(4) Allowable weight per Wheel
6.50-20	5.0-5.00R	5"	4000 pounds
7.00-15	6.0-6.00S	6"	4800 pounds
7.00-17	5.50	5½"	4400 pounds
7.00-18	5.50	5½"	4400 pounds
7.00-20	5.5-5.50	5½"	4400 pounds
7-22.5	5.25-6.00	6"	4800 pounds
7.50(R)15TR	6.5-6.50TR	6½"	5200 pounds
7.50-17	6.0-6.00	6"	4800 pounds
7.50(R)17TR	6.5-6.50TR	6½"	4200 pounds
7.50-18	6.0-6.00	6"	4800 pounds
7.50-20	6.0-6.00	6"	4800 pounds
7.50(R)20TR	6.5-6.50TR	6½"	5200 pounds
8R17.5	5.25	5¼"	4200 pounds
8R19.5	6.0-6.00	6"	4800 pounds
8-22.5	6.0-6.00	6"	4800 pounds
8.25(R)15TR	7.0-7.00T	7"	5600 pounds
8.25-17	6.0-6.00	6"	4800 pounds
8.25-20	6.5-6.50	6½"	5200 pounds
8.25(R)20TR	7.0-7.00	7"	5600 pounds
9.00-15TR	7.5-7.50	7½"	6000 pounds
9.00-20	7.0-7.00	7"	5600 pounds
9.00(R)20	7.5-7.50V	7½"	6000 pounds
9(R)22.5	6.00-6.75-7.50	7½"	6000 pounds
10.00(R)15TR	8.0-8.00	8"	6400 pounds
10.00-20	7.0-8.00	8"	6400 pounds
10.00(R)20	8.0-8.00	8"	6400 pounds
10.00-22	7.5-7.50	7½"	6000 pounds
10.00(R)22	8.0-8.00	8"	6400 pounds
10(R)22.5	6.75-7.5	7½"	6000 pounds
10.3-20	7.5-7.50V	7½"	6000 pounds
11.00-15TR	8.5-8.50V	8½"	6800 pounds
11.00-20	7.5-8.0	8"	6400 pounds
11.00(R)20	8.5-8.50	8½"	6800 pounds
11.00-22	8.0-8.00	8"	6400 pounds
11.00(R)22	8.5-8.50	8½"	6800 pounds
11.00(R)22.5	7.50-8.25	8¼"	6600 pounds
11.00-24	7.5-7.50	7½"	6000 pounds
11.00(R)24	8.5-8.50	8½"	6800 pounds
11(R)24.5	8.25	8¼"	6600 pounds
12-16.5	9.75	9¾"	7800 pounds
12.00-20	9.0-9.00	9"	7200 pounds
12(R)22.5	8.25-9.00	9"	7200 pounds
12.00-24	8.5-8.50V	8½"	6800 pounds
12-24.5	8.25-9.00	9"	7200 pounds
13.00-20	9.0-10.00V	10"	8000 pounds
14-17.5	10.50	10½"	8400 pounds
14.00-20	10.0-10.00	10"	8000 pounds
14.00-24	10.00	10"	8000 pounds
15-19.5	11.75	11¾"	9400 pounds
15-22.5	11.75	11¾"	9400 pounds
16.5-19.5	13.00	13"	10400 pounds
16.5-22.5	13.00	13"	10400 pounds
18-19.5	14.00	14"	11200 pounds
18-22.5	14.00	14"	11200 pounds

Forms

How To Order Blank Forms

The following chart lists all the forms, a brief description, and their availability.

		<i>Internet *</i>	<i>In Person</i>	<i>By Mail</i>
M-201	Permit Service Agreement	√	√	√
M-203	Transporting Company Application	√	√	√
M-211	Request for Annual Special Weight Application	√	√	√
M-215	Special Weight Permit Fee Bond	√	√	√
M-219	Special Mobile Home Rig Permit Fee Bond	√	√	√
M-233	Oversize / Overweight Vehicle Application	√	√	√
M-233IC	Permit Change Form/Inquiry Form	√	√	√
M-233DR	Annual Mobile Home Rig Dealer's Application	√	√	√
M-233ST	Special Weight Single Trip / Trip Authorization Application	√	√	√
M-233T	Annual Toll Road Gate Application	√	√	√

* Indiana Department of Revenue's Web site: www.in.gov/dor

Forms

Any forms that you need to request, or other information that you need to write to us about should be directed to:

Transactions by Mail

The Indiana Department of Revenue
Permit Section
PO Box 6175
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6175

Transactions by Fax

(317) 821-2336

Transactions by Telephone

Any telephone request that you have for blank forms or other related information should be directed to (317) 615-7320.

The Internet

Visit us at our Web site: www.in.gov/dor

Frequently Requested Numbers

Oftentimes, we will receive inquiries from transporting companies for information or services which could better be addressed by other agencies. The following is a list of most frequently used numbers for your convenience. If you do not see the information you are looking for below, please call us and we will do our best to help you find what you need.

<i>Questions?</i>	<i>Responsible Agency</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>
Annual Inspections	U.S.D.O.T.	(317) 226-7474
Audits on Trucking Companies	U.S.D.O.T.	(317) 226-7474
United Carriers Registration	Indiana Department of Revenue	(317) 615-7350
U.S.D.O.T. Regulations	U.S.D.O.T.	(317) 226-7474
U.S.D.O.T. Numbers	Indiana Department of Revenue	(317) 615-7350
U.S.D.O.T. Physicals	Indiana Department of Revenue C.D.L. Medical Division	(317) 615-7335
Fuel Permits & Tax (IFTA)	Indiana Department of Revenue	(317) 615-7345
I.C.C. Authority	U.S.D.O.T.	(317) 226-7474
Intra-state Authority	Indiana Department of Revenue	(317) 615-7350
Regulations on Size and Weight	Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	(317) 615-7373
Roadside Inspections	Indiana State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement	(317) 615-7373
Routine Issue OS/OW Permits	Indiana Department of Revenue	(317) 615-7320
Superload OS/OW Permits	Indiana Department of Revenue	(317) 615-7320

List of Permits and Fees

Any questions that you have regarding information in this handbook should be directed to:

Indiana Department of Revenue
Permit Unit
5252 Decatur Boulevard, Suite R
Indianapolis, IN 46241
(317) 615-7320

All permit applicants must file Form M-203, Transporting Company Permit Application!

Category	Type	Forms	Single Trip Fee	90 Day Fee	Annual Fee
Oversize Permit	Single Trip	M-233, Permit	\$20: up to 95' in length, 12'4" wide & legal height	\$100	\$405
	90 Day	M-233, Permit	\$30: between 96' and 110' in length, 12'5" and 16' wide or 13'7" and 15' tall		
	Annual	M-233, Permit	\$40: over 110' in length, 16' wide, 15' tall and 80,000 pounds		
Overweight Permit	Single Trip (15 Days)	M-233, Permit	\$20 + \$.35 per mile for vehicles up to 108,000 lbs. *\$20 + \$.60 per mile for vehicles over 108,000 to 150,000 lbs. **\$20 + \$1.00 per mile for vehicles over 150,000 lbs.		
Oversize & Overweight Permit	Single Trip (15 Days)	M-233, Permit	Greater of the oversize or overweight fee calculated above		
Special Weight Permit	Multiple Trip (1 Day)	M-233ST, Permit	\$42.50		
	Quarterly billing	M-211, Registration M-219, Bond Form			
12'4" Mobile Home Rig Permit	Single Trip (15 Days)	M-233, Permit	\$10.00	\$250.00	\$1000.00
	Annual Quarterly Dealer's	M-233DR, Permit			\$40.00 for dealers.
14'4" Mobile Home Rig Permit	Single Trip (5) Days Quarterly Annual	M-233, Permit	\$18.00	\$500.00	\$2000.00
Toll Road Gate Permit	Annual	M-233T, Permit			\$20 per gate, per truck.

* Vehicles over 120,000 lbs charged \$10 executive fee.

** Vehicles over 200,000 lbs charged \$10 executive fee + \$25 design and review fee + bridges fees.