



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5501:2-1-02 Permit Application.

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(A) Permits will be issued for the movement of overweight or over dimension vehicles only if that vehicle or load is transported by a vehicle, trailer, or semi-trailer with pneumatic tires.

(B) Vehicles used to haul an oversize load must meet all safety and operational requirements of the state of Ohio, must be capable of safely handling the load and must be able to maintain minimum speeds.

(C) A written or on-line application must be submitted by the applicant or agent for all permits including permits for construction and farm equipment, boats, and manufactured buildings in the form prescribed by the director.

(D) Applicants granted an emergency permit over the phone have until the next business day to complete an application for the movement.

(E) For the purpose of understanding the normal and expected damage caused by allowing over dimension and overweight permits on the state highway system, the director shall request a permit applicant to disclose the information set forth in paragraph (C) of this rule while striving to require the minimum amount of information necessary to administer this rule so that it would impose the least burden and cost to the permit applicant.

(F) The applicant shall provide:

(1) An accurate and complete description of the vehicle and load to be moved including all physical dimensions, axle weights and the gross vehicle weight.

(2) Except for construction and farm equipment, boats, and manufactured buildings, the proposed route including the origin and destination. Inaccurate or otherwise incomplete applications may result in a delay or denial of the issuance of a permit. Failure to propose a specific route on the



application or failure of the proposed routing to accommodate the load shall result in the assignment of the best available route as determined by the director.

(3) Signature of applicant or authorized agent.

(4) Fees as set forth in rule 5501:2-1-05 of the Administrative Code, except as provided therein for advanced payments. Applications without accompanying fees may result in delay or denial of the issuance of the permit. Fees are waived for federal, state and local governments, and political subdivisions.

(5) An insurance policy endorsement or surety bond in the amounts specified in rule 5501:2-1-05 of the Administrative Code and on the form prescribed by the department. If a current unexpired endorsement or bond is already on file with the special hauling permits section, a separate submission is not required with each application. This requirement is waived for federal, state and local governments, and political subdivisions. Any cancellation of the endorsement, the policy to which the endorsement is attached, or the surety bond must be effected with a minimum thirty day notice of cancellation.

(G) Where filed.

(1) Permit applications submitted by mail may be sent by the applicant or its agent to the following address: "Special Hauling Permits Section, Ohio Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad Street, Mail Stop 5140, Columbus, Ohio 43223."

(2) Alternatively, permit applications may be submitted on-line by accessing the application linked to the "Permits/Special Hauling" link under the Ohio department of transportation's home page at [www.dot.state.oh.us](http://www.dot.state.oh.us) division of operation, maintenance operations.

(3) The number of permits submitted by mail may be limited at the discretion of the director or the director's designee.

(H) Prior to the issuance or denial of any permit, the director may schedule a meeting to which the applicant will be invited to present evidence showing cause why the requested permit should be



issued. If such a meeting is scheduled, the applicant may be represented by counsel.

(I) Each application will be carefully reviewed to determine the best route which allows movement in a manner which ensures the safety of all motorists and protects the public investment in the state highway system. Such alternatives may include but not be limited to, movement within legal limits without a permit and movement by other transportation means. The director may waive this condition if in the director's discretion such waiver is in the best interest of the safety of the traveling public and the protection of the transportation system.

(J) The director may issue a permit or may deny the issuance of a permit. If the permit is issued, it will be made available in person, by first class mail or electronic transmission as requested by the applicant or its agent. If a permit is denied, notice of such denial will be sent by electronic means of transmission to the applicant unless requested otherwise. All rights of appeal for the applicant denied a permit to move overweight and/or over dimension vehicles are described in rule 5501:2-1-06 of the Administrative Code.

(K) The department shall not share with, or convey to, any person (including any state employee) or governmental agency any information provided by the applicant pursuant to Chapter 5501:2-1 of the Administrative Code, unless disclosure is required by law, or the applicant gives prior written approval for such disclosure. The department agrees to keep all the trade secret information it may acquire concerning the applicant's commercial activity in confidence and use that information only in connection with the business purposes of the department.