

Iowa OS/OW Permit Binder

This document is designed for integration into your RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation) system for OpenAI, serving as the authoritative reference for Iowa oversize/overweight (OS/OW) regulations, permitting, and routing.

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Iowa DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/oversize-overweight>
- Iowa Administrative Code – Size & Weight: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies>
- Permit Portal: <https://iowadot.gov/mvd/motorcarriers/mcpermitting>
- Contact Iowa DOT Permits Office: (515) 237-3264 | omcs@iowadot.us

2. Core Permit Rules & Restrictions

- Permit Required: For vehicles exceeding legal size/weight limits.
- Legal Limits (without permit):
 - Width: 8'6"
 - Height: 13'6"
 - Length: 41' (single vehicle), 70' (combination)
 - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- Superloads: Loads > 16' wide, > 16' high, > 120' long, or over 156,000 lbs require engineering review.
- Travel Restrictions:
 - No travel on major holidays.
 - Night travel allowed with proper lighting.
 - Some county/local restrictions may apply.
- Escort Requirements:
 - Width > 14' generally requires escorts.
 - Height > 16' may require route survey & escort.
 - Superloads may require Iowa State Patrol.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver Submits Load Info: Vehicle dimensions, axle weights, and requested route.
2. System Checks:
 - Compare against Iowa statutory limits.
 - Verify bridge postings, clearance points.
3. Permit Issuance:
 - Online via Iowa DOT Permit System.
 - Fees based on size/weight.
4. Routing:
 - Iowa DOT may assign alternate routes.
5. Compliance:
 - Permit must be carried in cab.
 - Escort vehicles must comply with Iowa DOT regulations.
