

# North Carolina OS/OW Permit Binder

## 1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- **NCDOT Oversize/Overweight Permits:**  
<https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/moving/Pages/oversize-overweight-permits.aspx>
- **North Carolina General Statutes – Size & Weight:** <https://www.ncleg.gov/Laws/GeneralStatutes>
- **Permit Portal (NCDOT Connect):**  
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/trucking/Pages/Over-Size-Over-Weight-Permits.aspx>
- **Contact NCDOT Permit Office:** (888) 574-6683 | Email: [oversize-permits@ncdot.gov](mailto:oversize-permits@ncdot.gov)

## 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: 40' (single vehicle), 60' (combination)
  - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- **Superloads:** Generally > 15' wide, > 15' high, > 125' long, or > 132,000 lbs require special review.
- **Travel Restrictions:**
  - No travel on major holidays.
  - Sunrise to sunset travel only for most oversize loads.
  - Night travel allowed for some loads with proper lighting and permits.
- **Escort Requirements:**
  - Width > 12' requires escorts.
  - Height > 14'6" requires route survey + escort.

## 3. Permit Workflow

1. **Carrier/Driver Submits Load Info:** Dimensions, weights, and route.
2. **System Checks:** Compare against NC statutory limits, bridges, clearances.
3. **Permit Issuance:** Through NCDOT Connect system. Fees vary by load size/weight.
4. **Routing:** Some routes restricted (low bridges, metro areas).
5. **Compliance:** Permit must be carried in cab. Escorts follow NC rules.

## 4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Total Gross Weight
- Axle Count & Weights
- Origin & Destination
- Route (interstates, metro areas)
- Dates/Times requested
- Escort Requirement Triggers
- Holiday/curfew restrictions

## 5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- **\*\*Curfew Hours:\*\*** Restrictions apply in Raleigh, Charlotte, and other metro areas during rush hours.
- **\*\*Lighting/Flagging:\*\*** Oversize loads must display red/orange flags (daytime) and amber lights (night).
- **\*\*Permit Validity:\*\*** Single-trip permits valid for 10 days unless otherwise specified.
- **\*\*Emergency Info:\*\*** Call 511 for real-time travel info.

## 6. Contacts

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