

# Pennsylvania 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 Pennsylvania oversize/overweight (OS/OW) regulations, permitting, and routing.

## 1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- **PennDOT Oversize/Overweight Permits:**  
<https://www.penndot.pa.gov/Doing-Business/Permits/HaulingPermits/Pages/default.aspx>
- **Pennsylvania Vehicle Code (Title 75):**  
[https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/Public/cons\\_index.cfm](https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/Public/cons_index.cfm)
- **PennDOT Automated Permit Routing/Analysis System (APRAS):** <https://www.penndot.gov>
- **Contact PennDOT Permit Office:** (717) 787-2838 | [ra-penndotpermits@pa.gov](mailto:ra-penndotpermits@pa.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), 65' (combination)
  - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- **Superloads:** > 16' wide, > 160' long, or > 201,000 lbs require engineering review.
- **Travel Restrictions:**
  - No movement during peak traffic in metro areas.
  - Holiday restrictions apply.
- **Escort Requirements:**
  - Width > 13' requires escorts.
  - Height > 14'6" requires route survey + escort.
  - Extreme loads may require State Police escort.

## 3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load info (vehicle dimensions, axle weights, route).
2. System checks against Pennsylvania statutory limits and bridge clearances.
3. Permit issued via APRAS system.
4. Routing compliance ensured by PennDOT.
5. Permit carried in cab; escorts arranged if required.

## 4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Gross Weight
- Axle Count/Weights
- Origin/Destination
- Route Restrictions

- Escort Needs
- Holiday/Metro Restrictions

## **5. Driver & Carrier Notes**

- **\*\*Curfew Hours:\*\*** Restricted travel in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh during rush hours.
- **\*\*Lighting/Flagging:\*\*** Oversize loads must display flags/lights as per PennDOT rules.
- **\*\*Permit Validity:\*\*** Usually valid for 5 days.
- **\*\*Emergency Info:\*\*** Call 511 for traffic/closure updates.

## **6. Contacts**

- PennDOT Permit Office: (717) 787-2838
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