

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

## 1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Virginia DMV Oversize/Overweight Permits
- Virginia Code – Title 46.2
- Virginia DOT Hauling Permits
- Virginia Hauling Permits Office: (804) 786-2787 | [haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.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 per axle (federal bridge formula applies).
- Superloads: > 16' wide, > 15' high, > 125' long, or > 200,000 lbs may require engineering review.
- Travel Restrictions: No travel on major holidays; curfews in metro areas (Richmond, Norfolk, Northern Virginia).
- Night Travel: Allowed with proper lighting and escort vehicles.
- Escort Requirements: Width > 12' or height > 14' require escorts. Superloads may require Virginia State Police escort.

## 3. Permit Workflow

- 1 Carrier/Driver submits vehicle and load details via Virginia Hauling Permits portal.
- 2 System verifies against statutory limits and checks for restricted bridges/roads.
- 3 Permit issuance through online system; fees vary by dimensions and weights.
- 4 Routing assigned or verified based on load dimensions.
- 5 Permit must be carried in cab; escorts must comply with certification requirements.

## 4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Gross Vehicle Weight and axle details
- Origin and Destination
- Requested Route (including interstates, metro zones)
- Dates/Times of travel
- Escort requirements
- Holiday/curfew restrictions

## 5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- Curfew Hours: Oversize loads restricted 7–9 AM and 4–6 PM in metro areas.

- Lighting/Flagging: Red flags during daytime; amber lights at night for oversize loads.
- Permit Validity: Most permits valid for 5–7 days.
- Emergency Info: Call 511 for statewide travel updates.

## **6. Contacts**

- Virginia DMV Oversize/Overweight Permits: (804) 497-7100
- VDOT Hauling Permits Office: (804) 786-2787
- Email: [haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov)
- Online Portal: <https://www.virginiadot.org/travel/hauling-permits.asp>

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