

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

1. Authoritative Sources (Live Links)

- Illinois DOT Oversize/Overweight Permits: <https://idot.illinois.gov/>
- Illinois OS/OW Permit System (ITAP): <https://webapps.dot.illinois.gov/ITAP/>
- Illinois Vehicle Code – Size & Weight Laws: <https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1815>
- Contact Illinois Permit Office: (217) 785-1477 | dot.permitoffice@illinois.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: 42' (single vehicle), 65' (combination)
 - Weight: 20,000 lbs single axle / 34,000 lbs tandem (federal bridge formula applies)
- **Superloads:** Over 14'6" wide, 15' high, 200,000 lbs, or 145' long require engineering review.
- **Travel Restrictions:**
 - No movement in Chicago metro during rush hours.
 - No travel on major holidays.
 - Night movement allowed with proper lighting and escorts.
- **Escort Requirements:**
 - Width > 14' requires at least one escort.
 - Height > 15' requires survey + escort.
 - Extreme loads may require Illinois State Police coordination.

3. Permit Workflow

1. Carrier/Driver submits load info (dimensions, axle weights, requested route).
2. System checks against Illinois statutory limits, bridge restrictions, clearances.
3. Permit issued via ITAP system.
4. Routing: Some routes restricted (Chicago metro, tollways, low bridges).
5. Compliance: Permit must be carried in cab; escorts must follow IDOT rules.

4. RAG Extraction Checklist

- Vehicle Width, Height, Length
- Gross Weight & Axle Weights
- Axle Count
- Route requested (esp. Chicago metro, interstates, tollways)
- Dates/Times requested
- Escort Requirement Triggers
- Holiday/curfew restrictions

5. Driver & Carrier Notes

- Chicago area oversize travel restricted 6–9 AM and 3–6 PM weekdays.
- Oversize vehicles must display red flags (day) and amber lights (night).
- Most permits valid for 5 days.
- Tollway authority may impose additional rules for OS/OW travel.
- Call 1-800-452-4368 for road condition info.

6. Contacts

- Illinois DOT Permit Office: (217) 785-1477
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